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GRAND MASTERS.

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| 1. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | of No. 1, New Haven, | from Nov. 1840, to July, 1841. |
| 2. JAMES B. GILMAN, | " 2, Hartford, | " July, 1841, " " 1842. |
| 3. CHARLES W. M. BRADLEY, | " 3, East Haddam, | " " 1842, " " 1843. |
| 4. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1843, " Nov. 1843. |
| 5. SHELDON BASSETT, | " 6, Derby, | " Jan. 1844, " July, 1844. |
| 6. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | " 11, Norwich, | " July, 1844, " " 1845. |
| 7. HENRY L. MILLER, | " 8, Hartford, | " " 1845, " " 1846. |
| 8. PRELATE DEMICK, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1846, " " 1847. |
| 9. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., | " 29, Danbury, | " " 1847, " " 1848. |
| 10. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | " 20, Essex, | " " 1848, " " 1849. |
| 11. GEORGE S. SANFORD, | " 4, Bridgeport, | " " 1849, " " 1850. |

DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| 1. JAMES B. GILMAN, | of No. 2, Hartford, | from Nov. 1840, to July, 1841. |
| 2. JOHN C. PALMER, | " 3, East Haddam, | " July, 1841, " " 1842. |
| 3. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1842, " " 1843. |
| 4. SHELDON BASSETT, | " 6, Derby, | " " 1843, " Jan. 1844. |
| 5. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | " 11, Norwich, | " Jan. 1844, " July, 1844. |
| 6. HENRY L. MILLER, | " 8, Hartford, | " July, 1844, " " 1845. |
| 7. PRELATE DEMICK, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1845, " " 1846. |
| 8. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., | " 29, Bethel, | " " 1846, " " 1847. |
| 9. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | " 20, Essex, | " " 1847, " " 1848. |
| 10. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, | " 9, New London, | " " 1848, " " 1849. |
| 11. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, | " 16, Willimantic, | " " 1849, " " 1850. |

GRAND WARDENS.

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| 1. JOHN C. PALMER, | of No. 3, East Haddam, | from Nov. 1840, to July, 1841. |
| 2. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | " 1, New Haven, | " July, 1841, " " 1842. |
| 3. GILSON LONDON, | " 4, Bridgeport, | " " 1842, " " 1843. |
| 4. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | " 11, Norwich, | " " 1843, " Jan. 1844. |
| 5. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, | " 1, New Haven, | " Jan. 1844, " July, 1844. |
| 6. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., | " 7, Danbury, | " July, 1844, " " 1846. |
| 7. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | " 20, Essex, | " " 1846, " " 1847. |
| 8. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, | " 9, New London, | " " 1847, " " 1848. |
| 9. GEORGE S. SANFORD, | " 4, Bridgeport, | " " 1848, " " 1849. |
| 10. ORIGEN UTLEY, | " 12, Middletown, | " " 1849, " " 1850. |

GRAND SECRETARIES.

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| 1. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | of No. 1, New Haven, | from Nov. 1840, to July, 1841. |
| 2. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | " 1, New Haven, | " July, 1841, " " 1842. |
| 3. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1842, " Jan. 1844. |
| 4. CHARLES W. M. BRADLEY, | " 3, East Haddam, | " Jan. 1844, " July, 1844. |
| 5. LUCIUS G. PECK, | " 5, New Haven, | " July, 1844, " " 1848. |
| 6. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | " 1, New Haven, | " " 1848, " " 1850. |

GRAND TREASURER.

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|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. SAMUEL BISHOP, | of No. 1, New Haven, | from Nov. 1840— |
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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, of No. 3, East Haddam, from July, 1841, to July, 1842.
2. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, " 1, New Haven, " " 1842, " " 1843.
3. { WILLIAM H. ELLIS, " 1, New Haven, " " 1843, " " 1844.
- { JOHN C. PALMER, " 3, East Haddam, " " 1843, " " 1844.
4. { FRED'K CROSWELL, " 1, New Haven, " " 1844, " " 1846.
- { JAMES B. GILMAN, " 2, Hartford, " " 1844, " " 1845.
5. SAMUEL B. BRITTON, " 4, Bridgeport, " " 1845, " " 1846.
6. { PHILO JUDSON, " 11, Norwich, " " 1846, " " 1847.
- { HENRY L. MILLER, " 8, Hartford, " " 1846, " " 1847.
7. { PRELATE DEMICK, " 1, New Haven, " " 1847, " " 1848.
- { EZRA CLARKE, JR., " 8, Hartford, " " 1847, " " 1848.
8. { LUCIUS A. THOMAS, " 1, New Haven, " " 1848, " " 1850.
- { WILLIAM T. MINOR, " 24, Stamford, " " 1848, " Sep. 1849.
- { SAMUEL LOCKWOOD, JR., " 24, Stamford, " Sept. 1849.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

1. JOHN MOORE, of No. 2, Hartford, from Jan. 1841, to July, 1843.
2. PORTER H. SNOW, " 3, East Haddam, " July, 1843, " " 1844.
3. JOHN MOORE, " 2, Hartford, " " 1844, " " 1845.
4. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, " 20, Essex, " " 1845, " " 1846.
5. TOWNSEND P. ABELL, " 12, Middletown, " " 1846, " " 1847.
6. JARED B. FLAGG, " 8, Hartford, " " 1847.

GRAND MARSHALS.

1. RICHARD S. PRATT, of No. 3, East Haddam, from Apr. 1841, to July, 1842.
2. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, " 1, New Haven, " July, 1842, " " 1843.
3. ROBERT H. STARR, " 5, New Haven, " " 1843, " " 1844.
4. CHAS. A. CONVERSE, " 11, Norwich, " " 1844, " " 1845.
5. JOHN W. JOHNSON, " 2, Hartford, " " 1845, " " 1846.
6. NEWEL C. HALL, " 1, New Haven, " " 1846, " " 1847.
7. ETHEL T. FARNAM, " 29, Bethel, " " 1847, " " 1848.
8. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, " 18, Willimantic, " " 1848, " " 1849.
7. D. B. BOOTH, " 7, Danbury, " " 1849, " " 1850.
10. FREEMAN M. BROWN, " 39, Windsor Locks, " " 1850.

GRAND CONDUCTORS.

1. NATHAN M. WATERMAN, of No. 2, Hartford, from Apr. 1841, to July, 1842.
2. SHELDON BASSETT, " 6, Derby, " July, 1842, " " 1843.
3. ISAAC JUDSON, " 1, New Haven, " " 1843, " " 1844.
4. S. A. HURLBUT, " 7, Danbury, " " 1844, " " 1845.
5. PHILO M. JUDSON, " 11, Norwich, " " 1845, " " 1846.
6. CHOLWILLI J. GRUMAN, " 10, Norwalk, " " 1846, " " 1847.
7. JOHN B. ELDBREDGE, " 40, Hartford, " " 1847, " " 1848.
8. CHARLES H. SMITH, " 26, Stonington, " " 1848, " " 1849.
9. JOHN WALLACE, " 6, Derby, " " 1849, " " 1850.
10. FREDERICK CHITTENDEN, " 65, New Preston, " " 1850.

GRAND GUARDIANS.

1. THOMAS J. STAFFORD, of No. 1, New Haven, from Apr. 1841, to July, 1842.
2. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, " 5, New Haven, " July, 1842, " " 1843.
3. ELIPHALET B. STEVENS, " 4, Bridgeport, " " 1843, " " 1844.
4. JOHN W. JOHNSON, " 2, Hartford, " " 1844, " " 1845.
5. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, " 10, Norwalk, " " 1845, " " 1846.
6. EDSON FESSENDEN, " 8, Hartford, " " 1846, " " 1847.
7. JASPER H. BOLTON, " 32, Stafford, " " 1847, " " 1848.
8. CHAUNCEY ATRES, " 24, Stamford, " " 1848, " " 1849.
9. GEORGE W. BENEDICT, " 21, Waterbury, " " 1849, " " 1850.
10. HENRY H. FITCH, " 65, Hebron, " " 1850.

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INTRODUCTION.



THE introduction of the Order of Odd Fellows into the State of Connecticut was looked upon with doubt and distrust, even by some of those engaged in the first attempt. There were those however among them, who had so much faith in the justness of its principles, and its power of usefulness, that they unhesitatingly incurred the responsibility and pecuniary risk, and planted the systematic seeds of benevolence upon the soil of Connecticut. And well have their zeal and faith been rewarded. Temples, dedicated to Friendship and Love, have risen in rapid succession, around which have entwined, watered by the unfailing rills of Truth, the perennial vines of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, was established by a dispensation granted by Samuel H. Perkins, Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, July 2, 1839, to Samuel Bishop, Frederick Croswell, George Derby, Marcus Bassett, and A. De Fontaine, and was instituted by G. M. John A. Kennedy, assisted by Wilson Small, John G. Treadwell, James Alcock, Willet Charlick, Wm. J. Clark, and Richard Jennings, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the 3d of September, 1839.

In February, 1830, a dispensation was also granted to James B. Gilman, Nathan M. Waterman, Gurdon Robins, S. B. Grant, G. W. Lloyd, Charles T. Bull, and James B. Shultas, for opening Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, which was instituted by Past Grands C. McGowan and J. G. Treadwell, of New York, assisted by members from Quinnipiac Lodge, on the 21st of April, 1840.

In March, of the same year, a like dispensation was granted to Charles W. Bradley, J. C. Palmer, Watrous B. Smith, George Douglass, and Daniel B. Warner, for opening Middlesex Lodge, No. 3,

which was instituted on the following day, by the same delegation opening Charter Oak Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, at a special session in April, 1840, confirmed the action of the Grand Sire, and granted, simultaneously, charters for the first three subordinate lodges in Connecticut.

Such, however, was the growth of the Order in the State, that in one year from the establishment of the first lodge, it had attained to the constitutional requirements that entitled them to a Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its regular session in October of the same year, upon the application of the three subordinate lodges, issued a charter to Past Grands Frederick Croswell, Samuel Bishop, William E. Vibbert, John Eissaman, and Augustus Fleighler, of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, James B. Gilman, of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, and John C. Palmer, of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, for a Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, which was instituted by P. G. M. John A. Kennedy, assisted by Wilson Small, John G. Treadwell, A. H. Brown, and Hiram Arnold, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, on the 24th of November, 1840. The original charters for the three subordinate lodges were surrendered to the Grand Lodge upon acknowledging its jurisdiction, and new charters were issued therefrom, under which they are now working.

The Patriarchal branch was introduced into the State by the institution of Sassacus Encampment, No. 1, at New Haven, Aug. 19, 1841. Oriental Encampment, No. 2, was instituted at East Haddam, Sept. 13th, 1841, and in April, 1843, a Grand Encampment was instituted at New Haven.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

FIRST SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., NOV. 24, 1840.

P. G. Master JOHN A. KENNEDY, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, special deputy of the Grand Lodge of the United States, accompanied by G. Master WILSON SMALL, G. Secretary JOHN G. TREADWELL, D. D. G. Master A. HEYER BROWN, and P. G. HIRAM ARNOLD, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, assembled at Quinnipiac Lodge Room for the purpose of instituting the *Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut*, a charter for which had been granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its October session, 1840.

The Grand Lodge was opened in ample form, as follows :

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| M. W. JOHN A. KENNEDY, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. A. HEYER BROWN, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILSON SMALL, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN G. TREADWELL, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| W. HIRAM ARNOLD, | <i>Grand Guardian.</i> |

Five candidates being in waiting, namely, P. Grands Frederick Croswell, Samuel Bishop, William E. Vibbert, of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1 ; James B. Gilman, of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2 ; and John C. Palmer, of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3 ; they were introduced by the Grand Marshal, and were initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree by the Grand Warden.

The Grand Master then presented the charter for and instituted the GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, agreeable to the most ancient and honorable customs of the order and not contrariwise.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut having been regularly instituted, the Grand Master announced that the

Grand Lodge would proceed to the nomination and election of Grand officers.

Whereupon, P. G.'s Croswell, of No. 1, and Gilman, of No. 2, were nominated for Grand Master; D. G. M. Brown and G. Guardian Arnold, officiating as Tellers; and on counting the ballots, Frederick Croswell, having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected M. W. G. Master.

P. G.'s Gilman, of No. 2, and Palmer, of No. 3, were nominated for D. G. Master; and on counting the ballots, James B. Gilman, having a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected R. W. D. Grand Master.

P. G.'s Palmer, of No. 3, and Bishop, of No. 1, were nominated for G. Warden; and on counting the ballots, John C. Palmer, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was declared duly elected R. W. Grand Warden.

P. G.'s Vibbert and Bishop, of No. 1, were nominated for G. Secretary; and on counting the ballots, William E. Vibbert, having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected R. W. Grand Secretary.

P. G. Bishop, of No. 1, was nominated for G. Treasurer; and on counting the ballots, Samuel Bishop, having received all the votes cast, was declared duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master presented a copy of the Constitution, By-Laws, &c., of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, until one should be adopted by them, except that it should require, for a quorum to open this Grand Lodge, a representation from two lodges, and not less than five members.

P. G. Croswell moved that this Grand Lodge hold four regular sessions in each year, viz: on the second Thursdays of July, October, January, and April—the first of which should be distinguished as the “Annual Session,” the others as “Quarterly Sessions”—which was decided in the affirmative.

The Grand Marshal then presented the officers elect for installation, as follows:

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| M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, of No. 2, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, of No. 3, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

Whereupon, they were installed in ample form, to serve until the second Thursday of July, 1841.

G. Master Small, of New York, presented from the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of New York, a copy of their

Constitution, By-Laws, Form of Installation of Officers for Subordinate Lodges, their Annual Proceedings, &c., which, on motion, was accepted.

G. T. Bishop moved, that a committee of three be appointed to confer with Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, and ascertain the terms on which their room can be obtained for the use of this Grand Lodge; which was decided in the affirmative, and G. M. Croswell, G. S. Vibbert, and G. T. Bishop, were appointed on the committee.

D. G. M. Gilman, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to P. G. M. Kennedy, and the brothers by whom he has been accompanied, for their coöperation and assistance in opening and instituting the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.

D. G. M. Gilman moved, that a vote of thanks be tendered to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for their kindness extended towards this Grand Lodge, on the present occasion, and for the books presented to this Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

On motion, *Voted*, That the G. Secretary be instructed to notify the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, of the organization of this Grand Lodge, and the election of its officers; also to direct the subordinates to make report to this Grand Lodge.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Master be empowered to procure a proper seal for this Grand Lodge, and deliver the same to the Grand Secretary.

On motion, *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, for the government of this Grand Lodge, and also a Constitution for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, and to report as soon as practicable.

The Chair named as the committee, D. G. M. Gilman, G. W. Palmer, and G. S. Vibbert.

On motion of G. T. Bishop, *Voted*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn until the next stated meeting in January, unless specially convened by the G. Master.

In accordance with the above vote, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

W. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 o'clock P. M., January 14th, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

A certificate of election for representative to the Grand Lodge, to serve until the second Thursday in July, 1841, was presented from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, in favor of P. G. John Moore. Whereupon the new member was regularly initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and duly qualified to take his seat.

The Quarterly Reports of the lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge were presented, and ordered on file.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, to confer with the brothers of Quinnipiac Lodge, for the purpose of ascertaining on what terms their room might be obtained for the sessions of the Grand Lodge—Reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, and that Quinnipiac Lodge Room might be obtained for the sum of fifty dollars per annum—lights and fuel included.

On motion of D. G. M. Gilman, the report of the committee was laid on the table.

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, to draft a suitable Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations, for the government of this Grand Lodge, and a Constitution for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction—Reported, that they had attended to the duty assigned them, *in part*, and had drafted a Constitution for the use of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, but had not yet had sufficient time to prepare a Constitution, By-Laws, Rules and Regulations for the government of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of D. G. M. Gilman, the report of the committee was laid on the table.

On motion of G. Sec. Vibbert, *Voted*, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election of a Grand Chaplain.

Whereupon, the G. Master announced that he was ready to receive nominations for the office of G. Chaplain. Whereupon, P. G. John Moore, of No. 2, was nominated, D. G. M. Gilman officiating as teller; and upon, counting the ballots, P. G. John Moore having received all the votes cast, was unanimously elected R. W. G. Chaplain.

On motion, *Voted*, That the report of the committee appointed to draft a Constitution, &c. (which was laid on the table,) be now taken up and acted upon.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Lodge go into a committee of the whole on the Constitution for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, reported by the committee appointed on that subject at the last session, and make such alterations and amendments to it as they may see fit.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge went into a committee of the whole on the Constitution for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction.

On motion, *Voted*, That Grand Chaplain Moore be appointed chairman of the committee of the whole raised on the subject aforesaid.

The committee of the whole on the Constitution, &c. for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, rose and reported to the Grand Lodge, that they had attended to their duty, and offered the following constitution for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction.

CONSTITUTION,

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, AT ITS QUARTERLY SESSION, JANUARY 14TH, 1841, FOR THE

Government of the Subordinate Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

ARTICLE I.

This lodge shall be constituted by at least *five* members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled

Lodge, No. I. O. O. F. of

and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a subordinate lodge—holding a legal, unreclaimed charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.

ARTICLE II.—OF MEMBERSHIP.

FIRST SECTION.—ADMISSIONS, &C.

Clause 1st. No person shall be initiated into this lodge, under twenty-one years of age, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Clause 2d. The name of a person offered for initiation must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business—which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall make a written report at a succeeding regular meeting—when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots; and if not more than two *black* balls appear against him, he shall be elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 3d. A brother of the Order wishing to become a member, shall present his card from the lodge of which he was formerly a member, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and in other respects disposed of as provided by clause second, for other applicants; and on being admitted, shall pay a sum of not less than one dollar.

Clause 4th. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of this State.

SECOND SECTION.—CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Clause 1st. The regular contributions to the lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than 6½ cents per week—to be determined by the by-laws, as well as the amount for education fund and funeral tax. And the lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2d. Every member who shall be qualified as required by the by-laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the lodge.

Clause 3d. In case of the death of a brother who shall be qualified as provided in clause second, there shall be allowed from the lodge a sum not less than thirty dollars, to defray the expenses of burial—which shall be paid over without delay to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G., in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of the disbursements.

Clause 4th. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified as provided by clause second, he shall be entitled to a sum of not less than fifteen dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

THIRD SECTION.—PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

Clause 1st. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be

subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the by-laws may direct, ancient usage may require, or the lodge determine.

Clause 2d. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of this lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence, be submitted to the lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the lodge.

Clause 3d. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers be brought before the lodge, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision to the lodge, it shall be final without other action from the lodge. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the lodge for action.

Clause 4th. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the lodge may proceed to consider and determine it; two thirds of the members present, voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Clause 5th. When the decision of a committee appointed under clause third, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of appeal to the lodge; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the lodge; and the lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee, by a majority of votes present.

Clause 6th. Any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

Clause 7th. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.—OF OFFICERS.

FIRST SECTION.—ELECTIVE AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1st. The elective officers of the lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each. However, when deemed necessary, the lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary, in addition, to serve twelve months.

Clause 2d. The appointed officers shall consist of a W., C., O. G., I. G., R. H. S. N. G., L. H. S. N. G., R. H. S. V. G., L. H. S. V. G., and R. and L. H. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each.

SECOND SECTION.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Clause 1st. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the lodge.

Clause 2d. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the lodge and its members; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

THIRD SECTION.—ELECTIONS, &c.

Clause 1st. No brother shall be eligible to any elective or appointed office, unless he shall have attained to the scarlet degree.

Clause 2d. Nominations for the elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 3d. No past officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Clause 4th. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Clause 5th. Any officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the lodge. And all vacancies shall be filled in such manner as a majority of the lodge may determine, to serve the residue of the term; and officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE IV.—TERMS AND RETURNS.

FIRST SECTION.—TERMS.

Regular quarterly terms shall commence on the first meetings in September, December, March, and June; and regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings of September and March only; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

SECOND SECTION.—RETURNS.

Clause 1st. It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare

and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated—and deceased; together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due.

Clause 2d. It shall be the duty of the lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge, in like manner, up to the first day of July annually, a full return of the members of the lodge, ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the lodge in the past year—the number of widowed families relieved—the number of brothers buried—with the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes—designating the amount paid for education of orphans.

THIRD SECTION.—FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Should this lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the second section of this Article, for four successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter, and become extinct: and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the charter, books, papers, furniture, and funds of the lodge.

ARTICLE V.—DEGREES.

Not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven, and no degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor—which shall not be less than the following rates, viz:

For the *White*, one dollar; for the *Pink*, one dollar; for the *Royal Blue*, one dollar; for the *Green*, one dollar; for the *Scarlet*, two dollars.

ARTICLE VI.—OF AMENDMENTS, &c.

FIRST SECTION.—AMENDMENTS.

Clause 1st. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2d. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, and adopted by the representatives of a majority of the lodges present.

SECOND SECTION.—BY-LAWS.

This lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions from time to time, as may be deemed ex-

pedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws, or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

On motion of G. Chaplain Moore, *Voted*, That the Constitution as reported by the committee of the whole, be adopted for the government of the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, and that it be recorded on the records, and placed on file.

On motion of G. Treas. Bishop, the Report of the committee appointed to confer with the brothers of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of ascertaining on what terms their room might be obtained for the use of the Grand Lodge, (which was laid on the table,) was again called up, and after considerable discussion, on motion of D. G. M. Gilman, *Voted*, That the Report of the committee lie on the table until the next quarterly session of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of D. G. Gilman, *Voted*, That G. Chaplain Moore be added to the committee raised at the last session of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of drafting a suitable Constitution for the government of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, *Voted*, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at this session be printed, and that a copy be forwarded to each subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to each Grand Lodge of the different States in the Union.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Lodge adjourn until the next regular quarterly session in April next, unless specially convened by the Grand Master.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, with prayer by G. Chaplain Moore.

Attest,

W. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, THURSDAY, April 8th, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |

and a representation of lodges.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Session being called for, the Grand Secretary stated that they were on record, precisely similar to the printed proceedings ; whereupon, it was *Voted*, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with.

Certificates of election for representatives to the Grand Lodge, to serve until the second Thursday in July, 1841, were presented from the following lodges, viz :

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1,—P. G's Thomas J. Stafford and R. S. Hinman.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2,—P. G. Nathan M. Waterman.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3,—P. G. Richard S. Pratt.

Whereupon, the new members were regularly initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and duly qualified to take their seats.

The Quarterly Reports of the lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, being called for by the Grand Master, were presented.

The Grand Master proceeded to fill the vacant offices, as follows :

P. G. Richard S. Pratt, of No. 3, was appointed Grand Marshal.

P. G. Nathan M. Waterman, of No. 2, was appointed Grand Conductor.

P. G. Thomas J. Stafford, of No. 1, was appointed Grand Guardian.

The several duties of the appointed officers were then explained to them by the Grand Master.

A petition was received from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, praying the privilege of admitting into their lodge, Rivington Martin, on a card granted to him by Watervleit Lodge, No. 20, [an expelled lodge,] said lodge having, however, since the granting of said card, acknowledged its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

On motion of D. G. M. Gilman, the petition was referred to a special committee of two.

On motion, *Voted*, That D. G. M. Gilman and P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, be appointed on said committee.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, in relation to the case of Rivington Martin, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

The special committee to whom was referred the case of Rivington Martin, respectfully report, That Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, be authorized to admit the candidate, provided that they have satisfactory evidence on their part, of his qualifications for membership.

JAMES B. GILMAN, } Committee.
R. S. HINMAN, }

On motion, *Voted*, That the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Grand Master presented the petition of George H. Johnson, and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be hailed and entitled Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, to be located in the city of Bridgeport.

The petition having been read, it was, on motion, referred to a special committee of two.

The Chair appointed G. C. Waterman, of No. 2, and P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, on the committee.

G. C. Waterman, from the special committee to whom was referred the petition of George H. Johnson, and others, for a charter for a lodge, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

We, the undersigned, a committee to whom was referred the propriety of extending the beathful influence of our beloved Order, by granting a charter to our well beloved brothers, George H. Johnson, John M. Wilson, Gilson Landon, Samuel L. Eldred, and George Walter, of the city of Bridgeport, for a lodge to be hailed and styled the Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, of the city of Bridgeport, do respectfully report, that their prayer be granted, upon condition that the usual sum of thirty dollars be received upon delivering their charter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. M. WATERMAN, } Committee.
R. S. HINMAN, }

On motion, *Voted*, That the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of G. Treas. Bishop, *Voted*, That the charter be granted to the applicants, upon their complying with the terms in the report of the committee appointed on the subject.

The following bills were presented, viz :

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| Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for three sets of charge and lecture books, - - - - | \$12.00 |
| G. Treas. Bishop's bill, for entertainment of New York delegation, &c. - - - - | 30.50 |
| Cash advanced for charter of G. Lodge, - - - - | 30.00 |
| For two blank books, - - - - | .87 |
| Hitchcock & Stafford's bill for printing, - - - - | 23.00 |
| | <u>\$96.37</u> |

On motion of G. C. Waterman, *Voted*, That the bills above presented be accepted and ordered to be paid.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with the brothers of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, for the purpose of ascertaining on what terms their room might be obtained for the use of this Grand Lodge, (which was laid on the table at the last Quarterly Session of the Grand Lodge, until this session,) was called up as unfinished business. Whereupon, on motion of G. Treas. Bishop, *Voted*, That a committee of one from each subordinate lodge be appointed to determine what sum the Grand Lodge should allow Quinnipiac Lodge, per annum, for the use of its room, for the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The Chair appointed P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, G. C. Waterman, of No. 2, and G. Mar. Pratt, of No. 3, the said committee.

The said committee reported, That the Grand Lodge allow twenty dollars per annum for the use of Quinnipiac Lodge room, for the regular sessions of this Grand Lodge—Quinnipiac Lodge to be at the expense of light and fuel.

On motion of D. G. M. Gilman, *Voted*, That the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged.

The committee appointed at the November session of this Grand Lodge, to draft a suitable Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge, reported, that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York be adopted, as far as practicable, for the government of this Grand Lodge, until further notice.*

* The Grand Lodge was already acting under this Constitution and By-Laws, which were presented as the laws to govern them for the time being, when the Grand Lodge was instituted. See p. 6.

On motion, *Voted*, That the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged.

P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, moved to strike out clause second, of section second, article third, of the Constitution prescribed for the government of the subordinates, by the Grand Lodge.

The ayes and nays being called for and ordered, were as follows:

Ayes—From No. 1, P. G. Hinman; from No. 3, Palmer. Total, 2.

Nays—From No. 1, P. G.'s Bishop, Stafford, and Vibbert; from No. 2, Gilman and Waterman; from No. 3, Pratt. Total, 6.

The motion to strike out was, therefore, lost.

G. W. Palmer moved that this Grand Lodge furnish charters to the subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, for them to work under.

D. G. M. Gilman moved to amend the motion by adding, that said charters be granted to the subordinates, on condition that they deliver up the charters or dispensations granted them by the Grand Lodge of the United States, when called upon so to do.

The amendment being accepted, the question was put and carried.

On motion of G. Treas. Bishop, *Voted*, That D. G. M. Gilman be appointed a committee to procure suitable regalia for the officers of the Grand Lodge.

G. Treas. Bishop submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the officers composing the Grand Lodge, be allowed, out of the funds of the lodge, sufficient to meet their ordinary expenses, in going to and returning from the sessions of the same.

On motion of D. G. M. Gilman, the subject was laid on the table.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge adjourned until the next regular Quarterly Session in July, and was closed in ample form.

Attest,

W. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary*.

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, MONDAY, April 19, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, pursuant to a special call of the Grand Master, for the purpose of joining in the funeral procession in honor of the late Gen. W. H. Harrison, President of the United States, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| W. THOMAS J. STAFFORD, | <i>Grand Guardian,</i> |
| P. G. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Representative of No. 1.</i> |

[After preliminary arrangements, the Grand Lodge formed in procession, and was accompanied by the subordinate lodges in the city and many brothers from the neighboring towns. P. G. Downing, of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, attended upon the occasion, with various emblems and decorations of the Order, and assisted in the processional arrangements. After joining, with other civic societies and citizens, in the solemnities of the occasion, the Grand Lodge returned to their hall, reorganized and proceeded to business.]

On motion of G. Secr'y Vibbert, *Voted*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the officers and brothers of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, for their kindness and brotherly attention extended towards the brethren of this Grand Lodge, in loaning them their banner and sundry emblems of the Order, upon their joining in the funeral solemnities of the late President of the United States, in this place; and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be also presented to Bro. P. G. Downing, for his attention and assistance to us on this occasion.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

W. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, SATURDAY, May 15, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, pursuant to a special call of the Grand Master, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, *Grand Master*,
R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary*,
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer*,
W. THOMAS J. STAFFORD, *Grand Guardian*.

The Grand Master presented the petition of James W. Newell, Jr. and others, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be hailed and entitled Harmony Lodge, No. 5, to be located in the city of New Haven. The petition having been read, it was, on motion, referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed G. Treas. Bishop, P. G. Hinman, and G. Guard Stafford on said committee.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition of James W. Newell, Jr., Joseph G. Anthony, Thomas B. Jewett, S. O. Merwin, and Wm. F. Bradley, for a charter for a lodge, reported, That they had had the subject under consideration, and would respectfully recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

On motion, *Voted*, That the report be accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion of P. G. Hinman, *Voted*, That the charter for Harmony Lodge, No. 5, be granted to the applicants for the same.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

W. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Secretary*.

ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, July 8th, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| W. N. M. WATERMAN, | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |

and a representation of lodges entitled to a voice in the Grand Lodge.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, and of the special sessions, April 19th and May 15th, were read and approved.

The G. Master appointed G. Con. Waterman and P. G. Hinman, a Committee of Elections and Returns.

A certificate of election for a representative to the Grand Lodge, to serve for this session, was presented from Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, in favor of P. G. Charles W. Bradley, which was referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported the certificate of P. G. Bradley as correct; whereupon he was duly initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and took his seat.

P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, presented his certificate of election as proxy for Harmony Lodge, No. 5, which was referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns—P. G. Bradley acting in place of P. G. Hinman, (*pro tem.*)

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported the certificate of P. G. Hinman, to serve as proxy for No. 5, as correct; and the question, Shall said lodge, it not yet having existed one quarter, be entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge? was decided in the negative.

The Quarterly Reports of the lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, for July, were presented from Nos. 1, 2, and 3, and from No. 2, for April, which was not received at the last session, and referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported all the

returns referred to them, correct ; whereupon they were read and ordered on file.

A communication from G. C. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, stating the time when the annual session of that body would be held, was read and ordered on file.

The Grand Master read his annual report or communication to the Grand Lodge, which, on motion, was ordered on file.

R. W. Officers and W. Members of the Grand Lodge of Conn., I. O. O. F.

This being the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge, in accordance with my duty, and with custom, I beg leave to address to you the following remarks.

The steady, rapid, and thus far, healthy increase of the Order of Odd Fellows in this State, has excited the astonishment of the most sanguine of its friends. The more widely its principles are extended and made known, the more favorably they are received by the public ; and the opposition that the Order met with on its first introduction, is apparently fast disappearing. We have probably nothing to fear hereafter from opposition—the greatest danger that we have to apprehend, is the incautious zeal of our friends in endeavoring to extend the Order ; but nothing as yet *has* occurred that has seemed to warrant the supposition.

At the last quarterly meeting of the Grand Lodge, a charter was granted on the application of the requisite number of brethren residing in Bridgeport for a lodge to be held in that city, under the name of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4 ; and at a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, convened for the purpose on the 15th day of May last, a charter was granted to five brothers duly qualified, who petitioned for another lodge to be located at New Haven, under the style and title of Harmony Lodge, No. 5. On the 11th of June last, I formally presented the charter for Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, to the applicants in Bridgeport, and with the assistance of several of the Grand Officers, and in the presence of a large delegation of brethren, instituted the lodge and installed its officers ; and in like manner the charter was presented to Harmony Lodge, No. 5, the lodge instituted and its officers installed on the 14th of the same month. There are now, therefore, five subordinate lodges in full operation under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, with an aggregate of between five and six hundred members. I regret that I am obliged to speak thus indefinitely with regard to the number of the members of the various lodges. The reason is, that the semi-annual returns which are required by Art. 4, Sec. 2, Clause 2d of the Constitution, have not been made. I trust that the representatives of the several subordinate lodges will see that this most important duty is hereafter properly attended to.

As there are now two lodges in New Haven, the Degree Books were not delivered with the charter to Harmony Lodge, and those of Quinnipiac Lodge were afterwards demanded and received from the Noble Grand, and are now in my possession ; and since that time the degrees have been conferred by myself, or some other member of the Grand Lodge. I have acted in this manner because I conceived it to be required by the directions in the Degree Books, which state that the degrees shall be conferred by the subordinate lodges only in those States where there is no Grand Lodge. This matter is referred to you for your decision.

In connection with this subject, and in conclusion, I would recommend, in consequence of the increase of members and lodges, that D. D. G. Masters be appointed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge for the lodges that are distant from the places of residence of the Grand Master and D. G. Master, and that they be required to take charge of the Degree Books and confer the degrees in their several districts. In my opinion, more uniformity could be attained by this method, even if no other advantage were to be derived from it.

And I conclude with the humble hope, that the Almighty Grand Sire of the Universe will so direct our deliberations, as to draw the Fraternity still more closely together in the bonds of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

F. CROSWELL, *Grand Master*.

NEW HAVEN, July 8, 1841.

The following bills were presented and referred to a committee, consisting of G. C. Waterman and P. G. Hinman, for investigation, viz :—

G. Treas. Bishop's bill, for chest for Grand Lodge, - \$1.50
Yemmans & Morehouse, for painting do. - - \$2.00

The committee reported the above bills correct, and they were ordered to be paid.

A bill for music at the funeral solemnities of the late President, was presented and referred to a committee of investigation, consisting of P. G's Bradley and Hinman, who reported that the bill be paid by the Grand Lodge.

On motion, *Voted*, That the report of the committee be accepted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, a committee of five was ordered to be appointed by nomination, to obtain a banner, and the different emblems of the Order, for the use of this Grand Lodge ; and P. G's Hinman, Vibbert, Bradley, Bishop, and Gilman, were appointed said committee.

G. Treas. Bishop moved that this Grand Lodge hold a celebration at New Haven, on the 3d of September next, provided Quinnipiac Lodge incurs the expense of the same.

After discussion, the motion was laid on the table.

On motion of G. C. Waterman, *Voted*, that the Grand Mas-

ter be and is hereby authorized and empowered to grant dispensations, in all cases that he may deem proper, to petitioners for charters, in the interval between the sittings of the Grand Lodge, which grants shall be subject to the approval or correction of this body, at their next regular meeting.

On motion of G. Cond. Waterman, *Voted*, That so much of the Grand Master's communication as relates to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, be referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair appointed on said committee, G. Cond. Waterman and P. G.'s Bradley and Hinman.

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's communication as related to the appointment of D. D. G. Masters, reported as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of the appointment of D. D. G. Masters, would report, that the appointment of the above officers ought, in our opinion, to consist of Past Grands of the several subordinate lodges, where no Grand or Deputy Grand Master resides, and whose particular duty it should be to have charge of the Degree Books, and confer all degrees.

N. M. WATERMAN, }
C. W. BRADLEY, } *Committee.*
R. S. HINMAN, }

On motion, *Voted*, That the report be accepted, and the committee discharged.

The Grand Master announced that he was now ready to receive nominations for the officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, D. G. Master Gilman, of No. 2, was nominated for the office of Grand Master ; G. W. Palmer, of No. 3, for D. G. Master ; G. Sec. Vibbert, of No. 1, for Grand Warden ; P. G. Hinman, of No. 1, for Grand Secretary ; G. T. Bishop, of No. 1, for Grand Treasurer ; P. G. Bradley, of No. 3, for Grand Representative ; and P. G. Moore, of No. 2, for Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the several officers, and the following brethren were declared unanimously elected to the offices named, viz :

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| M. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, of No. 2, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, of No. 3, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, of No. 3, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN MOORE, of No. 2, | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |

On motion of G. Sec. Vibbert, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, July 9, 1841.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment. Present, as before.

A certificate of election for a representative to the Grand Lodge, to serve for this session, was received from Quinniapiac Lodge, No. 1, in favor of P. G. Adrian C. Heitmann, which, on motion, was referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Committee of Elections and Returns, to whom was referred the certificate in favor of P. G. Heitmann, reported the same correct.

Whereupon, P. G. Heitmann was duly initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, qualified, and took his seat.

The committee appointed at the last session to confer with the members of Quinniapiac Lodge, No. 1, in regard to the use of their room, reported, that Quinniapiac Lodge would accept the sum offered by the Grand Lodge—to wit, twenty dollars per year.

P. G. Bradley offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is inexpedient for the subordinate lodges to admit a brother who is more than thirteen weeks in arrears, (not having received the quarterly pass-word,) unless such brother declare his desire to pay up his arrears.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send a copy of the above resolution to each subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Representative be empowered to obtain from the Grand Lodge of the United States, such number of certificates of membership as he may deem expedient.

The resolution of Grand Treasurer Bishop, in relation to a Grand Lodge celebration, which was laid on the table, was called up by him, and, after some discussion, withdrawn.

On motion of G. Sec. Hinman, *Voted*, That Quinniapiac Lodge, No. 1, have permission to celebrate the anniversary of the institution of their lodge, in September next, if they see fit.

On motion of P. G. Bradley, *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed, by nomination, to draft a suitable Constitution and By-Laws for the government of this Grand Lodge.

P. G.'s Hinman, of No. 1, Palmer, of No. 3, and Heitmann, of No. 1, were appointed said committee.

The Grand Marshal then presented the officers elect for installation, and they were duly installed into their respective offices, to serve until the second Thursday of July, 1842.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments, viz:

W. RICHARD S. PRATT, of No. 3, *Grand Marshal*,
 W. THOMAS J. STAFFORD, of No. 1, *Grand Conductor*,
 W. NATHAN M. WATERMAN, of No. 2, *Grand Guardian*.

P. G. Heitmann, of No. 1, was appointed D. D. Grand Master for New Haven and Fairfield Counties, for one quarter.

On motion, *Voted*, That the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, since its regular session, January 14, 1841, be printed for distribution.

On motion, *Voted*, That this Grand Lodge stand adjourned until the next regular Quarterly Session.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary*.

Annual Return of Subordinate Lodges, July 1, 1841.

| LODGES. | No. of Scarlet Degree. | No. of Green Degree. | No. of Blue Degree. | No. of Pink Degree. | No. of White Degree. | No. not taken Degrees. | Whole No. Con. Members. | No. of Brothers relieved. | Amount paid for same. | No. Buried. | Amount paid for same. | Widowed families relieved. | Amount paid for same. | Total paid for Relief. | Amount of Gen. Fund. | Widow & Orphans' Fund. |
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| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 90 | | 2 | | 167 | 259 | 28 | 366 | 130 | 1 | 15 | 411 | 1057.31 | 386.09 | | |
| CHARTER OAK, " 2, | 34 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 63 | 1 | 3 | | | | | 20.00 | | |
| MIDDLESEX, " 3, | 19 | | 8 | | | 12 | 39 | 2 | 16 | | | | 30.58 | 18.50 | | |
| PEQUANOCK, " 4, | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 29 | | | | | | 174.00 | 24.00 | | |
| HARMONY, " 5, | 12 | | 1 | | | 25 | 38 | | | | | | 216.00 | 33.00 | | |
| Total, | 162 | 10 | 17 | 11 | 6 | 232 | 428 | 31 | 385 | 1 | 30 | 1 | 15 | 427 | 1477.89 | 481.59 |

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 14, 1841.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. R. S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Representative.</i> |

On motion of P. G. Hinman, the certificates of election of delegates from the several subordinates were referred to the Standing Committee on Elections and Returns.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Bradley to fill the vacancy in the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported the following representatives as regularly elected to serve until the second Thursday of July, 1842, viz :

Quinnipiac, No. 1—Frederick Croswell, Samuel Bishop, William E. Vibbert, Thomas J. Stafford, Robinson S. Hinman, Adrian C. Heitmann, William H. Ellis.

Charter Oak, No. 2—James B. Gilman, John Moore, Nathan M. Waterman, James B. Shultas, Benjamin F. Folger.

Middlesex, No. 3—Charles W. Bradley, John C. Palmer, Richard S. Pratt, Daniel B. Warner, Thomas C. Bordman.

Harmony, No. 5—James W. Newell, Jr.

P. G.'s William H. Ellis, James B. Shultas, James W. Newell, Jr., and Benjamin F. Folger, being in waiting, were duly initiated and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and took their seats.

The Grand Master then appointed the following Standing Committees, for the present year, viz :

Committee of Finance—P. G.'s Ellis, Vibbert, and Shultas.

Committee of Correspondence—P. G.'s Croswell, Folger, and Hinman.

Committee of Grievances—P. G.'s Moore, Bradley, Newell, and Stafford.

The Committee to whom was referred, at the last session, the Constitution and By-Laws, for revision, reported a form

of Constitution and code of By-Laws. The form of Constitution was taken up by sections, in committee of the whole, and before finishing, on motion, the committee rose, and the report was laid on the table.

The G. Treasurer reported the state of his accounts, and on motion of P. G. Hinman, the same was referred to the Committee of Finance.

The Grand Master reported, that since the last session he had received application for a charter for a new lodge, from several brethren in Derby,* accompanied with thirty dollars; upon which he granted a dispensation, and authorized P. G. Bradley to open the same, and that said brother had performed that duty, and made the following report to him, viz :

M. W. Grand Master,—

Under your authority and command, the undersigned, accompanied by G. Treas. Bishop and P. G. James W. Newell, Jr., together with a number of brothers from Quinnipiac, Harmony, and Pequannock Lodges, proceeded to the town of Derby, in the county of New Haven, where, on the 13th of October inst., he opened "OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6, I. O. O. F.," according to the most ancient usages of the Order, and not contrariwise.

The lodge elected the following officers, viz :—Sheldon Bassett, N. G.; Robert Gates, V. G.; Peter Phelps, Secretary; Richard Evans, Treasurer; who were installed into their respective chairs, in regular form; and in pursuance of your instructions, the first term of said lodge was extended to the 2d day of March next. The stated meetings are to be held on Wednesday of each week.

Eight individuals were solemnly initiated at the primary session, and the applications of several candidates for membership were referred to the proper committee. From the high respectability influence and energy of the present members, and from the general favor with which the Order is regarded, there seems every probability that Ousatonic, No. 6, will soon rank among the first lodges in this Commonwealth, both in numerical strength and in the cultivation of the peculiar graces of our popular and wide-spreading institution.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY, *D. D. G. M. pro tem.*

On motion of P. G. Hinman, the report and papers accompanying it were referred to a committee of three. The Chair appointed P. G.'s Bishop, Shultas, and Folger.

The committee reported in favor of granting the petition. Report accepted, and charter granted.

* The applicants were Sheldon Bassett, Robert Gates, Peter Phelps, Richard Evans, and Robert R. Wood.

G. Rep. Bradley's bill for expenses in attending upon the United States Grand Lodge, amounting to \$30, and sundry small bills, amounting to \$19, were referred to the Finance Committee, who reported the same to be correct. Report accepted, and the bills ordered to be paid.

Adjourned till to-morrow, at 8 A. M.

FRIDAY, Oct. 15, 8 A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and opened in ample form.

On motion of G. Rep. Bradley, the proceedings of this session were ordered to be printed for distribution, and P. G's Hinman, Vibbert, and Stafford were appointed a committee to superintend the printing.

The Constitution and By-Laws were again taken up in committee of the whole, and after having been examined by sections, were reported to the Grand Lodge.

On motion of P. G. Hinman, the Constitution and By-Laws reported by the committee were unanimously adopted for the government of this Grand Lodge, and are as follows.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

FIRST SECTION.—STYLE AND TITLE.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT," and shall be composed only of the officers formally installed, and the Past Grands of lodges, regularly chosen and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

SECOND SECTION.—POWERS.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship within the State of Connecticut, and is the supreme tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction. No lodge can be formed or continue to exist without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters ;—of suspending or taking away Charters at pleas-

ure, for proper cause ; of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in lodges ;—of originating and regulating the means of its own support ;—and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interest of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.—OF MEMBERS.

FIRST SECTION.—QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The members of the Grand Lodge shall be Past Grands, who have been, in conformity to this Constitution, duly and regularly elected as Representatives of lodges respectively, or chosen as Proxies, who shall receive the Grand Lodge degree, and subscribe to these articles, before taking their seats as members.

SECOND SECTION.—ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Clause 1st. Each subordinate shall, in the month of June, annually, elect by ballot, from among the Past Grands who are in membership in the lodge so electing, such number of them as the lodge may determine, to represent it in the Grand Lodge, and to serve for one year from the second Thursday of July.

Clause 2d. Subordinates may at any time elect, from among their qualified members, additional Representatives, to serve until the next annual election ; but a motion for such election shall not be determined until the regular meeting after that on which it shall have been offered in the lodge.

Clause 3d. When a lodge, after its first term, has no member properly qualified, or may be located distant from the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge, or may not have a Representative present, and in attendance at any session of the Grand Lodge, it may choose, in the same manner, and for the same term as a Representative, or, if need be, at any other time, and for a less term, any qualified member of another lodge, as a Proxy Representative, who shall be invested with full powers as a Representative of the subordinate so choosing, for the time being.

Clause 4th. No member shall act as Representative, while he may be sitting as Proxy Representative ; nor shall any act as Proxy for more than one subordinate at the same time ; nor, in any case, shall a member vote as from more than one subordinate.

THIRD SECTION.—EXPULSIONS.

Any member being guilty of conduct in derogation of the character of the Order, in or out of the Grand Lodge, on being regularly convicted, shall be suspended or expelled from his seat as a Representative or Proxy, and prevented from visiting ; but the Grand Lodge shall have power to reinstate a suspended or expelled brother.

ARTICLE III.—OF OFFICERS.

FIRST SECTION.—THE OFFICERS AND MODE OF SELECTION.

Clause 1st. The Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be,

- 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master.
- 2d. Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
- 3d. Right Worthy Grand Warden.
- 4th. Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
- 5th. Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
- 6th. Right Worthy Grand Chaplain.
- 7th. Right Worthy Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall be elected by ballot annually, at the session in July.

Clause 2d. The appointed officers shall consist of,

- 8th. Worthy Grand Marshal.
- 9th. Worthy Grand Conductor.
- 10th. Worthy Grand Guardian, who shall be appointed annually, and a Worthy District Deputy Grand Master, who shall be appointed annually, by the Most Worthy Grand Master, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

SECOND SECTION.—DUTY OF OFFICERS.

Clause 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; he shall appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem.* and all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge;—he shall give the casting vote in all cases when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by subordinates, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the representation to which he belongs;—he shall appoint all Grand Officers, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;—he may order special sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it. After any sum of money may have been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same;—he, or any of his deputies, may grant dispensations, on the application of a lodge, to confer degrees on a member without delay; he shall, in person, or by deputy, confer all official degrees, and when officially visiting the subordinates, shall be received with the honors of the Order.

Clause 2d. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the Most Worthy Grand Master in presiding, and, in his absence, shall fill the chair for him. In the event of the resignation, death, or removal from office, of the Grand Master, he shall become *ex officio* Grand Master, until the next regular session thereafter.

Clause 3d. The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he

shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door;—and, in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

Clause 4th. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting;—he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, and pay it over to the Grand Treasurer immediately; he shall notify each of the subordinates of all special sessions of the Grand Lodge;—he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct; and for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to a salary of thirty dollars per annum, payable quarterly.

Clause 5th. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner; exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts, and to whom paid; the purposes and amounts of disbursements;—he shall have his accounts closed at every regular session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit, by the Grand Secretary, quarterly, to the subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts;—and he shall execute to the three first named Grand Officers, in trust, bonds to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the trust.

Clause 6th. The Right Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of opening and closing the same according to his office.

Clause 7th. The Right Worthy Grand Representative shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and faithfully represent the wishes of this Grand Lodge therein; or, in case of his inability to attend, he shall nominate such Proxy as the Grand Master may approve, to act for him; and he shall be entitled to such sum as will defray his reasonable expenses while attending to his duties. He or his Proxy shall be furnished with a certificate of election, in the form required by Article X. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The certificate of the Grand Proxy shall not be valid without being countersigned by the Grand Representative.

Clause 8th. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall assist the R. W. Deputy Grand Master in supporting the M. W. Grand Master in the Grand Lodge;—he shall attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the subordinates, issue his proclamations when necessary, and obey his commands.

Clause 9th. The Worthy Grand Conductor shall assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Clause 10th. The Worthy Grand Guardian shall attend at the outward door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

Clause 11th. The Worthy District Deputy Grand Masters shall be the organs of the Grand Master with the subordinates, in the respective Districts; they shall each have power to grant dispensations to lodges in their District, for conferring degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it; and it shall be their duty to see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly; to confer official degrees on Past Officers, to whom they may have been voted by their lodge; to install the Officers of the lodges under their charge; and to report quarterly to the Grand Master.

Clause 12th. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

THIRD SECTION.—QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

No one shall be eligible for any Grand Office, unless he be a regular Representative in the Grand Lodge; nor for Grand Master or Grand Representative, unless he has received the Side Degrees, and has attained to the R. P. Degree.

FOURTH SECTION.—MODE OF ELECTION.

Clause 1st. Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election taking place; and no vote shall be valid, or recorded as part of the poll, unless it be for a previously nominated candidate.

Clause 2d. All elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the valid votes given; in case no candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued until one of them obtains it; but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

Clause 3d. In balloting, the Grand Secretary will call the roll of members, beginning with the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and proceed with the Grand Officers, as ranked in *first section*, and Past M. W. Grand Masters, by seniority, and the Past Grands of Lodge No. 1, and continue in the order of lodges successively—when, should there be an equal division of the votes between any two candidates, the M. W. Grand Master shall be called on for his ballot. Each member shall rise in his place when his name is called, and remain standing until he has deposited his vote in the box; and, should there be more ballots than voters, the balloting shall be void, and a new one entered into.

FIFTH SECTION.—INSTALLATION.

Clause 1st. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during the session, that the Grand Lodge may determine. The present Grand Master or any Past Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

Clause 2d. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and the installation of their successors.

SIXTH SECTION.—REMOVAL.

Clause 1st. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office; but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two thirds of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to removal.

Clause 2d. No Officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a P. Grand Master shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

SEVENTH SECTION.—VACANCIES.

All vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or removal from office, shall be filled in the same manner, and for the residue of the term of the former incumbent.

EIGHTH SECTION.—STANDING COMMITTEES.

Clause 1st. There shall be chosen at each Annual Session, the following standing committees, viz:

- 1st. Committee of Elections and Returns.
- 2d. Committee of Finance.
- 3d. Committee of Correspondence.
- 4th. Committee of Grievance of Lodges.

Clause 2d. The Committee of Elections and Returns shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master who is holding over, or the incumbent of the Chair at the time of opening the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the returns of the subordinates, and of the election and eligibility of members.

Clause 3d. The Committee of Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be chosen by the Grand Master, with the advice and consent of the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to their being passed for payment by the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, quarterly; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Clause 4th. The Committee of Correspondence shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and to suggest any measures in the nature of the business of their appointment.

Clause 5th. The Committee of Grievance of Lodges shall be composed of one member from each lodge, who shall be chosen by the representation of each lodge, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear all appeals and grievances from lodges, or members of lodges, referred to them by the Grand Lodge, and report thereon such action as may be necessary in Grand Lodge; and during the recess of the Grand Lodge, any subordinate lodge, having any grievance between herself and any of her mem-

bers, either party may refer the same to the M. W. G. Master, who, with said committee, may hear and determine the same; from whose decision either party may appeal to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.—OF SESSIONS, &c.

FIRST SECTION.—SESSIONS.

Clause 1st. The Grand Lodge shall hold four regular sessions in each year, viz: on the second Thursday in July, October, January, and April; the first of which shall be distinguished as the "ANNUAL SESSION," the others as "QUARTERLY SESSIONS," and shall hold "SPECIAL SESSIONS" at the call of the Grand Master; during either of which it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is disposed of. And all sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of New Haven.

Clause 2d. At the "Annual Session," the subordinates shall have their reports, returns, and sums due, presented as required by these articles; new members shall be admitted to their seats, the Grand Officers elected, and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge transacted.

Clause 3d. At the "Quarterly Sessions," the reports, returns, and dues of subordinates, as required to be delivered by these articles, shall be received and acted on, and any other business transacted which may not in any manner involve the expenditure of money, unless it may be on the ordering of payment of appropriations made at the Annual Session, or for incidental expenditures authorized at the Annual Session, or for such salaries as may be provided for by this Constitution.

Clause 4th. At "Special Sessions," no business shall be transacted except that for which the session is called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification of members; but no business, at a Special Session, shall be so acted on as to involve the expenditure of money.

Clause 5th. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless there be present a representation from at least *three* subordinates, consisting of not less than *five* members.

SECOND SECTION.—WORKING DEGREE.

The Grand Lodge shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree, at all times when engaged in any business of the Order.

THIRD SECTION.—VOTES.

Clause 1st. All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the members present; unless when the representations of two subordinates require the vote to be taken by representations; in which case it shall be determined by the majority of representations of lodges present; provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by representations, in any case.

Clause 2d. The representation of each lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the "Annual Session," *fifty members* or more, in full membership, shall be entitled to *two votes*, and of each which has reported a less number, shall be entitled to *one vote*, when questions are determined by representations; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately, and a majority of those present shall be deemed as the vote of the lodge they represent. When the numbers of a representation are equally divided, the lodge they represent shall be deemed as not giving a vote. The ayes and nays shall always be recorded when the vote is taken by representations.

ARTICLE V.

FIRST SECTION.—OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Clause 1st. On the written application of *five* or more brothers of the Order, praying for a charter to open a lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and on the payment of *thirty dollars* therefor, such lodge shall receive its charter, and the necessary charges, lectures, and instructions from the M. W. Grand Master, or the W. D. D. G. Master of the District in which it may be located, or by a Past Grand Master specially deputed, whose necessary expenses, if any, shall be borne by the lodge so opened.

Clause 2d. At the end of each term, all lodges shall report to the Grand Lodge at the succeeding regular session, the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated and deceased: together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—the amount of receipts—and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 3d. At the "Annual Session," each lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first day of June past, annually, a full return of members, ranked according to degrees taken; and a statement of the number of brothers relieved—widowed families relieved, and brothers buried—the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, and the amount paid for the education of orphans.

SECOND SECTION.—DUES.

Each subordinate shall pay to the Grand Lodge, quarterly, as dues, ten per cent. on all amounts received for initiations, depositing cards, degrees, and dues, at the *minimum* rates fixed by the Grand Lodge. And it is expressly provided, that the Grand Lodge shall not have claim on any part of sums received as charges extra of the rates fixed by the Grand Lodge; or of sums received as interest on investments, or as funeral or education tax, or special donations; and in case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessment on the subordinates.

THIRD SECTION.—DISTRICTS.

The M. W. Grand Master shall, as occasion may require, arrange the subordinates into convenient Districts, for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master ; and to define the extent over which the W. D. D. G. Masters exercise their functions.

ARTICLE VI.

FIRST SECTION.—AMENDING CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution, or any portion thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless the proposition be made by the representations of two subordinates, in writing, at a regular session, which shall be referred to the next session, and entered on the record ; and at the time of its determination, it shall require two thirds of the votes by representations present, to adopt the same.

SECOND SECTION.—BY-LAWS, &C.

The Grand Lodge may adopt, or amend, at any regular session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the government thereof, as two thirds of the members present shall approve, to take effect after the close of the session at which they may be adopted :—Provided, such Laws or Rules shall not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles of the Order.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.—OF MEETINGS.

Section 1st. The R. W. Grand Lodge will convene at the Quarterly Sessions of October and January, at 7 o'clock P. M., and at the Quarterly Session of April, and at the Annual Session of July, at 8 o'clock P. M. ; and shall adjourn from day to day, until the business of the session is completed, unless otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2d. Within thirty minutes after the time of meeting, the presiding Grand Master shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present ; and at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled can organize informally, and adjourn the meeting to such time as they may determine upon.

Section 3d. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the chair may be taken *pro tem.* by any member of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

Section 4th. The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer, when the W. G. Chaplain is present.

ARTICLE II.—OF SUBORDINATES.

Section 1st. Should any subordinate lodge fail to hold its meetings for *six months*, or to make its returns as required by Article V. of the Constitution, for *one year*, it shall be deemed an extinct lodge, and its Charter forfeited.

Section 2d. The funds, properties, &c. of subordinate lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the Order, are not liable to be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between one lodge and another that may branch from it; but shall remain for its legitimate purposes, the property of the lodge, so long as its Charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the lodge.

Section 3d. In all cases where a lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its Charter shall have been forfeited, the Charter, funds, books, properties, and effects of all kinds, shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers of such lodge, to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or to the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds and other effects as the lodge may have claim to.

Section 4th. Members of a defunct lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable him to make application for admission to membership in another lodge:— Provided, that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5th. No brother shall be permitted to hold office in, or be a member, other than honorary, of two distinct subordinate lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, at the same time; and when any candidate has been rejected by any lodge, no other lodge shall be permitted to receive him.

Section 6th. Every subordinate lodge shall have a suitable seal, (a proof impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary,) and all its official communications shall be sealed therewith.

Section 7th. No lodge shall have a public procession without the permission of the Grand Lodge, unless to attend the funeral of a brother.

Section 8th. When the M. W. G. Master, or a Deputy G. Master, shall visit a subordinate lodge, officially, his necessary expenses shall be paid by such subordinate.

Section 9th. The following shall be the form of a certificate of a member of the Grand Lodge:

————— Lodge, No. —, I. O. of O. F.
To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

This is to certify, that P. G. ——— has been duly elected a [regular, or an additional] Representative of this lodge, in your Right Worthy body, to serve for one year from the second Thursday of July.

[L. S.]

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my hand,
 and the seal of our Lodge, this ——— day
 of ———, 18

Secretary.

Section 10th. Any member of the Order, who shall have painted upon his sign any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them upon the same, or have them printed or engraved upon his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall, if persisted in after the lodge of which he is a member gives him notice, be suspended or expelled, agreeable to a vote of the lodge.

ARTICLE III.—OF REGALIA AND JEWELS.

Section 1st. The Regalia of the M. W. Grand Master shall consist of a scarlet collar trimmed with yellow lace, and a scarlet apron trimmed with yellow lace or fringe; and members and P. G.'s of the same, if of the R. P. degree; if not, then trimmed with white lace.

Section 2d. The Jewels of the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be of yellow metal, and as follows, viz :

For Grand Master—A five pointed open star, with meridian sun in the center.

For D. G. M.—Same star, with rising sun in center.

For G. W.—Same, with hour-glass in center.

For G. Sec.—Same, with crossed pens in center.

For G. Treas.—Same, with crossed keys in center.

For G. G.—Same, with crossed swords in center.

For P. G. M's—Same as G. M., with white setting on external margin.

For P. G's—Same, hand and heart in center.

Section 3d. The Regalia of a N. G. shall be a scarlet collar trimmed with white; of the V. G., blue collar trimmed with white; of the Secretary and Treasurer, green collar trimmed with white; of the Supporters of the N. G., and the O. G., scarlet sashes; of the Supporters of the V. G., and the I. G., blue sashes; of the Warden and Conductor, black sashes; of the Scene Supporters, white sashes; of the Chaplain, white sashes; of the unofficial members, white collars trimmed according to the degrees received; and of all subordinate members, white aprons trimmed with ribbon, according to rank. The collars to be four inches wide. The caps and robes of officers to correspond in color with the collar or sash of their office.

Section 4th. The Subordinate Jewels are of white metal, and as follows, viz :

For N. G.—Crossed gavels.

For V. G.—Hour-glass.
For Sec.—Crossed pens.
For Treas.—Crossed keys.
For Warden—Crossed axes.
For Guardians—Crossed swords.

RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum of opening shall be ascertained to be present, the following shall be the order of business, viz :

1. The M. W. Grand Master shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers and members to take their respective stations, and shall then call up the Grand Lodge.
2. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.
3. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.
4. The minutes of the last session shall be read, and if no objection be made to any part thereof, they shall stand approved without vote.
5. The Committee of Elections and Returns shall report on the eligibility of members.
6. New members admitted and instructed.
7. The Committee of Elections and Returns shall report on the returns from the subordinates ; and each of the returns reported as correct shall be read.
8. Petitions read and referred.
9. Communications read.
10. Financial accounts read and referred.
11. Appeals read and referred.
12. Reports of Committee of Finance submitted.
13. Reports of Committee of Correspondence submitted.
14. Reports of Committee of Grievance submitted.
15. Reports of Special Committees, by seniority, submitted.
16. Unfinished business acted upon, by priority.
17. New business.

The Reports of the Committee of Elections and Returns are privileged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of. But the reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.

The order of business, as here arranged, may, at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with, by a special two third vote of the Grand Lodge.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the Chair.

Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*"—when, should no member rise to speak, the G. Master shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it; and he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge?*"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be up-standing, and shall respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished, he shall sit down. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order at the request of the Chair, he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so; nor more than twice without permission of the Chair;—

but no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

- When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer, or the Chair; and after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action, until seconded and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member, it shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer, or to amend; and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged—the three first of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may, at the same or next succeeding meeting of the same session, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, and, if seconded by a majority, shall be put in this form: "*Shall the main question be now put?*" If carried, the first question in order shall be immediately taken without further debate.

When one fifth of the members present rise in favor of taking a question by ayes and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

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- The Committee of Elections and Returns reported that the several lodges had made their returns in proper form, and that the dues had been received from all but Pequannock Lodge, No. 4. Report accepted and returns ordered on file.

On motion of G. S. Hinman, the vote adopting the Constitution was unanimously reconsidered, and on his motion the word "*annually*," in the last line but one in clause second, section first of Article third, was stricken out, and the word "*quarterly*" inserted; and the Constitution, as thus amended, was adopted unanimously.

The Grand Master appointed P. G. Newell, D. D. Grand Master for New Haven and Fairfield Counties, for the ensuing quarter.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to the next Quarterly Session, and was closed in ample form.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, January 13, 1842.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being a regular Quarterly Session, and opened in regular form.

PRESENT :

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| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, | <i>Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Past Grand Master,</i> |
| P. G. JAMES W. NEWELL, JR., | <i>D. D. Grand Master for New Haven and</i> |
| | <i>Fairfield Counties,</i> |
| P. G. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Representative of No. 1,</i> |
| P. G. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, | <i>" " "</i> |

The minutes of the proceedings of the last session were read, corrected and approved.

Certificates of election of P. G. John G. Hotchkiss, as an additional representative from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, and P. G. George Walter, from Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported them as correct, and that said Past Grands were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge ; which report was accepted. Whereupon, the said representatives were initiated, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and took their seats.

The quarterly reports of lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

A communication from James L. Ridgely, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge

of the United States, relative to a mission to England, was presented, read and on motion laid on the table.

A certificate of the election of P. G. Guy R. Phelps, as an additional representative from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, was presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported the same as correct, and that said Past Grand was entitled to his seat. Whereupon, he was initiated, instructed and took his seat.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported that the returns from lodges Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, were correct. Report accepted and returns ordered on file.

Communication of G. S. James L. Ridgely taken up and on motion referred to a select committee of three.

The Chair appointed G. Rep. Bradley and Reps. Walter and Heitmann.

G. Secretary Hinman presented the petition of eleven Odd Fellows, residing in the city of Hartford, praying for a charter for a lodge, to be hailed by the title of Windammer Lodge, No. 7, with sundry documents accompanying the same, and, on his motion, they were referred to a select committee, consisting of one from each subordinate lodge. The Chair appointed P. G. M. Croswell, Rep. Phelps, G. Rep. Bradley, and Reps. Walter and Newell said committee.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for Windammer Lodge, made the following report :

To the R. W. G. Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry individuals, claiming to be members of the I. O. O. F., praying for a charter to open and constitute a new lodge in the city of Hartford, and also sundry documents accompanying the same, beg leave to report :

That the petition is not accompanied with the recommendation of any subordinate lodge within this jurisdiction, conformably with ancient and universal usage. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution. All which is respectfully submitted.

F. CROSWELL,
G. R. PHELPS,
C. W. BRADLEY,
GEORGE WALTER,
JAS. W. NEWELL, JR.

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

G. Secretary Hinman moved to amend the resolution submitted by the committee, by striking out all after the word

"Resolved," and inserting the following words, viz: "That the prayer of the petitioners be granted."

The question upon the amendment having been discussed, the mover, at the request of several members, withdrew the same, and offered the following, viz: "to strike out all after the word 'Resolved,' and insert, 'That the petition, with the accompanying documents and report of the committee, be continued to the next session of the Grand Lodge;'" which amendment was carried, and the resolution as amended was passed.

Hitchcock & Stafford's bill for printing, and G. Secretary Hinman's bill for postage, were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Finance.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to January 14th, at 8½ o'clock A. M.

JANUARY 14, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The minutes of the proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

The Chair appointed P. G. John G. Hotchkiss, D. D. G. Master for New Haven County, and P. G. Walter, for Fairfield County.

A certificate of the election of P. G. Joseph G. Anthony, as an additional representative from Harmony Lodge, No. 5, was presented, and on motion was referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported the same to be correct, and that said Past Grand was entitled to his seat. Whereupon he was duly initiated, instructed and took his seat in the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Finance reported that they had examined the accounts of the Treasurer, and found them correct. Report accepted.

The same committee reported the bills referred to them, as correct. Report accepted and bills ordered to be paid.

P. Grand Master Croswell offered the following amendment to the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, viz: to strike out the fifth section of the second article and insert the following, viz:

Section 5th. When any candidate has been rejected by any lodge, he shall not be received by any other lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in a less time than one year from the time of such

rejection. Nor shall any application be received for initiation by a lodge, excepting from a resident of the town or county in which such lodge is situated, provided there be a lodge in the town or county where the applicant resides.

On motion of G. Secretary Hinman, the amendment under consideration was continued to the next session.

G. Secretary Hinman offered the following amendment to the form of the Constitution prescribed for subordinate lodges, viz: to add at the end of clause second, section first of Article second, the following words: "No rejected candidate shall be again proposed within six months from the time of his final rejection;" and moved that the same be continued to the next session; which motion passed.

On motion, the G. Treasurer was directed to pay the rent for the year past, to Quunipiac Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, on motion, was adjourned without day.

Whereupon, the Grand Lodge was closed in regular form, according to ancient usage.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

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| | Initiated this quarter. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, April 14, 1842.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being a regular Quarterly Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Warden, in the Chair,</i> |
| R. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| W. NATHAN M. WATERMAN, | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |
| P. G. JOHN G. HOTCHKISS, | <i>D. D. Gr. Master for New Haven Co.,</i> |
| P. G. GEORGE WALTER, | <i>D. D. Gr. Master for Fairfield Co.,</i> |
| P. G. M. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | <i>Representative of No. 1,</i> |
| P. G. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | “ “ |

Certificates of election for additional representatives from subordinate lodges were received, as follows, viz: from Quinpiac, No. 1, in favor of P. G. Lucius A. Thomas; from Pequannock, No. 4, in favor of P. G. Gilson Landon; and from Ousatonic, No. 6, in favor of P. G. Sheldon Bassett; which were referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported the same as correct, and that said representatives were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge. Whereupon, they were introduced, initiated, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and took their seats.

Quarterly returns from subordinate lodges Nos. 1, 2 and 4, were presented and referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

A petition was presented from five brethren* residing in Danbury, praying for a new lodge, which was referred to a select committee of one from each subordinate lodge.

The Chair appointed Reps. Hinman, Waterman, Walter and Bassett, on said committee.

A petition from sundry members of the order residing in New Haven, for a Degree Lodge, was presented and referred to a select committee of one from each subordinate lodge.

The Chair appointed Reps. Croswell, Waterman, Walter and Bassett, on said committee.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported that the

* The applicants were Thomas P. White, Stephen A. Hurlbut, Wm. H. Clark, Samuel B. Brittan and Henry L. Dan.

returns referred to them were correct. Report accepted, and the returns read and ordered on file.

A communication from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, asking for an investigation, was received and referred to the Committee of Grievances.*

A bill for preparing room, amounting to \$1.50, was presented and ordered to be paid.

The special committee heretofore appointed to procure a banner and jewels for the use of the Grand Lodge, reported that they had engaged the same, and asked for an appropriation of one hundred dollars towards defraying the expenses. Report accepted, and an appropriation of one hundred dollars made.

The special committee to whom was referred the petition for a charter for a new lodge in Danbury, to be called Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, reported in favor of granting the same.

Report accepted, the committee discharged, and a charter granted to the applicants.

The select committee to whom was referred the petition for a Degree Lodge, reported a resolution,† which, with the petition, after discussion, was referred to a select committee of four.

The Chair appointed as said committee, Reps. Crosswell, Newell, Thomas and Anthony, who are to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

The petition for a new lodge in Hartford, which was continued from the last session, was taken up, and on motion, leave was granted to the petitioners to withdraw their petition.

The amendment to the fifth section, second Article of the By-Laws, offered at the last session, was taken up, and on motion, continued to the next session.

The following amendment to the Constitution prescribed for the government of the subordinate lodges, offered at the last session, to wit: To add at the end of clause second, section first of Article second, these words: "No rejected candidate shall be again proposed within six months from the time of his final rejection;" was called up, and Rep. Heitmann moved to amend the amendment by adding the following words: "And every candidate reported against by a Committee of Investigation, shall be considered rejected;" which motion was negatived, and the original amendment passed.

* This was in reference to statements made in connection with an application for a charter for a new lodge in Hartford.

† This committee was never discharged nor their report accepted.

On motion of Rep. Walter, Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, was permitted to have a public procession at the time of its institution; and the Grand Treasurer was authorized to loan the Grand Lodge banner and jewels.

On motion of Rep. Walter, permission was granted to Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, to have a public procession on the anniversary of its institution, the ensuing summer.

On motion of Rep. Heitmann, it was decided as the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that the meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws of the subordinate lodges, is, that no candidate, after his name has been reported upon and he ballotted for, can have his name withdrawn from the lodge, but that it must be finally acted upon.

Grand Secretary Hinman offered the following resolution, which was passed:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each subordinate lodge, to make quarterly returns to the Grand Lodge of the number of brothers relieved, number of widowed families relieved, and the amount paid for each, with the amount paid for the education of orphans; also the number of brothers at the end of each quarter, who have not taken any degrees, and the number in each degree, and the number of Past Grands.*

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure three books for installation, for each subordinate lodge, and a sufficient number of cards of withdrawal.

The Chair appointed P. G. Lucius A. Thomas, D. D. G. Master for New Haven District; P. G. Gilson Landon, D. D. G. Master for Fairfield District; and P. G. Sheldon Bassett, D. D. G. Master for Derby District.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and was closed in regular form.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary*.

* This was already a law. See Constitution of Grand Lodge, Art. V. § 1, Clause 2, 3, p. 36.

Quarterly Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, with their present condition, March 7, 1842.

| LODGES. | General Fund. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Wid. & Orph. Fund. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | No. rejected this quarter. | Initiated this quarter. | Whole No. initiated. | Admitted by Card this quart. | Whole No. admitted by Card. | Reinstated this quarter. | Whole No. reinstated. | Suspended this quarter. | Whole No. suspended. | Expelled this quarter. | Whole No. expelled. | Died this quarter. | Whole No. died. | Withdrawn this quarter. | Whole No. withdrawn. | No. contributing members. | Init'a. | Wh. | Pink. | Blue. | Green. | Searl. | P. G's. | Amount rec'd this quart. | Whole amount received. | Amount on hand. | Amount rec'd this quart. | Whole amount received. | Amount on hand. | Com. paid G. L. this quarter. | Whole amount paid G. L. |
| QUINNPIAC, No. 1, | 2 | 19 | 365 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 319 | | | | | | | 9 | 451.23 | 1326.63 | 0.00 | 113.69 | 687.56 | 657.42 | 43.22 | 248.98 |
| CHARTER OAK, " 2, | 0 | 15 | 97 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 101 | | | | | | 7 | 248.58 | 1358.63 | 75.15 | 22.34 | 138.59 | 128.58 | 24.86 | 99.97 | |
| MIDDLESEX, " 3, | 0 | 1 | 42 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 45 | | | | | | 7 | 48.06 | | 9.28 | 44.11 | 44.11 | 4.80 | 43.87 | | |
| PEQUANOCK, " 4, | 1 | 25 | 89 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 94 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 3 | 275.02 | 912.90 | 54.76 | 37.44 | 131.55 | 131.55 | 27.50 | 101.28 |
| HARMONY, " 5, | 2 | 4 | 86 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 3 | 135.89 | 924.09 | 96.16 | 6.62 | 100.62 | 100.62 | 13.39 | 90.70 |
| OSKATONIC, " 6, | 7 | 25 | 25 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 1 | 274.82 | 274.82 | 432.84 | 32.27 | 32.27 | 32.27 | 27.48 | 27.48 |
| Total, | 12 | 89 | 704 | 7 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 43 | 680 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 125 | 24 | 1433.60 | | | 192.64 | 1134.70 | 1094.55 | 141.45 | 612.28 |

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, May 12, 1842.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, convened this day in Special Session, pursuant to an order from the Grand Master, for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of applying to the General Assembly for an act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge, and was opened in regular form.

PRESENT :

R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, *Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair,*
R. W. WM. E. VIBBERT, *Grand Warden,*
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer,*
R. W. R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary,*

and representatives from Quinnipiac, No. 1, Middlesex, No. 3, Harmony, No. 5, and Ousatonic, No. 6.

G. Secretary Hinman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of one from each lodge present, be appointed to procure from the Legislature of this state a charter for this Grand Lodge.*

The yeas and nays being ordered, those who voted in the affirmative were, Reps. Bishop, Vibbert, Stafford, Hinman, Heitmann, Palmer and Bassett ; being a majority of the lodges, viz : Nos. 1, 3 and 6. In the negative, P. G. Newell, from Harmony Lodge, No. 5.

So the resolution passed.

A bill of 75 cents, for preparing the room, was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and was closed in regular form.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

* The committee to whom the petition was referred, (viz : Committee on Incorporations other than Banks,) reported in favor of granting the prayer thereof. The subject was debated in the House, and on taking the question it was lost by a small majority.

ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, July 14, 1842.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Annual Session, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | <i>Grand Master, in the Chair,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| P. G. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Representative of No. 1,</i> |
| P. G. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, | " " " |
| P. G. JOHN G. HOTCHKISS, | " " " |
| P. G. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, | " " " |
| P. G. GILSON LANDON, | " " " 4, |
| P. G. SHELDON BASSETT, | " " " 6. |

Certificates of election were presented for representatives, as follows: for P. G. Jonas B. Bowditch, of Quinnipiac, No. 1; P. G.'s Charles W. Bradley, John C. Palmer, R. S. Pratt, D. B. Warner, T. C. Borden, N. Pratt, W. W. Kingsley, George E. Goodspeed, of Middlesex, No. 3; P. G. Thomas C. Hollis, of Harmony, No. 5; P. G.'s Sheldon Bassett, Robert Gates, Jr., of Ousatonic, No. 6; which were referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

Reps. Ellis and Bassett were appointed on Committee of Elections and Returns, *pro. tem.*

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported the certificates as correct, and that the new members were entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge. The report was accepted. Whereupon, Past Grands Bowditch, Hollis and Gates were admitted, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and took their seats.

The Grand Master submitted his Annual Report, which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

R. W. Grand Officers and Representatives :

The expiration of my official term, and the return of another Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, imposes upon me the pleasant duty of announcing the continued harmony and prosperity of the Order within this jurisdiction. By information received from the several confederate lodges in this state, I am happy to know that the success of our institution has exceeded our fondest hopes.

Wherever lodges have been planted, the work of brothers has been characterized with affection and zeal, and with a good degree of prudence and judgment. I cannot too strongly impress on your minds the necessity which still does, and *must* ever exist, for perseverance in and faithfulness to the cardinal principles which bind us together, and of the scrupulous care with which we should guard the very portals of our sanctuary. The credit which Odd Fellowship has obtained in our borders is based and will *continue* to be based, in no small degree, on the character of its sons. Let us hope that Connecticut will continue to suffer nothing by a comparison, in this element of success.

Recently, the seeds of our systematic benevolence have been scattered broad-cast over the state, in that a wide diffusion has been given to the name and object of the Order, by the contemplated act of incorporation for the Grand Lodge, and the action thereon by the late General Assembly. A spirit of inquiry has been raised, and we may confidently look for valuable results, notwithstanding the passage of that act was then denied.

Having made regular reports of my doings as Grand Master at the Quarterly Sessions, it is unnecessary that I should now recapitulate them. Since our last regular session, I have received a petition from the requisite number of brothers residing in the city of Hartford, praying to be instituted as a new lodge in that place. The prayer of the petitioners having been accompanied with the required fee and a recommendation from Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, I availed myself of the constitutional license, and on the 13th day of June, instituted said brothers under the style and title of "MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8, I. O. O. F." It is confidently believed that this step is the commencement of a more auspicious era among the brethren of that city.

I deem it my duty to recommend to the Grand Lodge that a law be passed providing for the payment of expenses of such Grand Officers as reside out of this city, whenever such officers give their attendance at any regular or special session of the Grand Lodge.

I have been prevented from giving that personal inspection which I both desired and intended towards the several subordinate lodges, by reason of sickness in my family and severe domestic affliction.

This, I do not doubt, will be a sufficient apology for any seeming neglect which I have committed.

Permit me, officers and representatives, in my retiring from the Chair with which you have honored me, to express my cordial thanks for your courtesy and kindness, as also for the support and advice which I have uniformly received at your hands.

JAMES B. GILMAN, *Grand Master.*

New Haven, July 7, 1842.

The Quarterly Reports of all the subordinate lodges, except Middlesex, No. 3, and Annual Returns from Nos. 5 and 6, were

presented, and referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns.

Grand Rep. Bradley presented a petition from five brethren of the Order in New London city, praying for a charter for a subordinate lodge, which was referred to a select committee of one from each lodge.

Grand Master Gilman presented a petition from six brethren of the Order,* residing in the city of Hartford, to whom a dispensation had been granted, praying for a charter for a lodge, which was referred to the same committee.

The Chair appointed Reps. Heitmann, Bradley, Hollis, Landon and Gates, committee on said petitions.

The committee to whom was referred the above petitions, reported in favor of granting the same, and that the lodge to be located in Hartford, be called "Mercantile Lodge, No. 8," and that in New London, "Thames Lodge, No. 9."

The report was accepted and the charters granted.

Committee of Elections and Returns reported that all the returns referred to them were correct. Report accepted.

P. G. Bowditch offered an amendment to the Constitution prescribed for the government of the subordinate lodges, viz: To insert the word "Secretary" between the words "the" and "and Treasurer," in the fourth line of the third clause of section third of Article third. The amendment passed unanimously.

G. Secretary Hinman offered a resolution, that the Grand Lodge celebrate the anniversary of the introduction of the Order into Connecticut, on the 2d of September, 1842, which was laid on the table.

Rep. Heitmann moved that when the Grand Lodge adjourn, it adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock A. M. to-morrow. Passed.

G. Secretary Hinman moved that the election of officers for the ensuing year, be assigned for half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Passed.

G. Secretary Hinman, from the committee appointed to obtain a charter from the Legislature, reported that the committee made application for one, but were not successful.

Bills for a box and a sword were presented, and referred to Committee of Finance.

Adjourned.

* The names of the applicants were Calvin Spencer, William B. Ely, Roland A. Robbins, Henry A. Miller and Ezra Clark, Jr.

July 15th, 1842.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The reports from the subordinate lodges were read and accepted.

G. Rep. Bradley moved to amend the constitution prescribed for the subordinate lodges, by erasing the word "may," in the sixth line of clause second, first section of the second Article, and inserting in its place the word "shall."

On this motion, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Those who voted in the affirmative were, Heitmann, Thomas and Hotchkiss, of Quunpiac Lodge, No. 1; and Bradley, of Middlesex, No. 3.

Those who voted in the negative were, Bishop, Vibbert, Hinman, Ellis and Bowditch, of Quunpiac, No. 1; Gilman, of Charter Oak, No. 2; Landon, of Pequanoek, No. 4; Hollis, of Harmony, No. 5; Bassett and Gates, of Ousatonic, No. 6.

For the amendment, one lodge; against it, five lodges. So the motion was lost.

The hour assigned for the election of officers having arrived, the Grand Master called for nominations. D. G. Master Palmer having declined the nomination, G. Rep. Bradley was nominated for Grand Master; G. W. Vibbert, for D. Grand Master; P. G. Landon, for Grand Warden; P. G. Heitmann, for Grand Secretary; G. Treas. Bishop, for Grand Treasurer; G. Chap. Moore, for Grand Chaplain; G. Sec. Hinman and P. G. Ellis, for Grand Representative.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot, and the following persons were declared duly elected, viz:

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| CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| GILSON LANDON, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| JOHN MOORE, | <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> |
| ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Representative.</i> |

Resolution relative to the celebration of the anniversary of the introduction of the Order into Connecticut, was taken up, and on motion of Rep. Ellis, amended by adding thereto the following words: "provided the expense to the Grand Lodge does not exceed fifty dollars."

The resolution as amended passed; and Past Grands Hinman, Hollis, Heitmann, Bowditch and Anthony, appointed Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee of Finance reported in favor of P. G. Thomas' bill for a box. Report accepted and bill ordered to be paid.

On motion, Reps. Ellis and Heitmann were authorized to bargain with Bro. Burwell, with regard to the sword, and draw on the Treasurer for the amount agreed upon.

G. Rep. Bradley reported, that as D. D. G. Master for Middlesex District, he had conferred the following degrees, viz:

P. N. Grand's degree on G. M. Gilman, of No. 2; D. G. M. Palmer, G. Mar. Pratt and P. G. Kingsley, of No. 3.

P. V. Grand's degree on D. G. M. Palmer, G. Mar. Pratt and P. G. Kingsley, of No. 3.

P. Secretary's degree on G. Mar. Pratt and P. G. Kingsley, of No. 3.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, *Voted*, That instead of the per centage now paid by the subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge, they pay the sum of one dollar on each candidate initiated.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, *Voted*, That the Grand Officers residing out of the city of New Haven, be allowed their traveling expenses while attending the Grand Lodge.

D. D. Grand Master Landon submitted the following report, which was accepted:

M. W. Grand Master :

Under your authority and command, the undersigned, accompanied by P. G. George Walter, together with a number of brothers from Ousatonic and Pequannock Lodges, proceeded to the town of Danbury, in the County of Fairfield, where, on the 5th of May inst. he opened "Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F.," according to the most ancient usages of the Order, and not contrariwise.

The lodge elected the following officers, namely:—Rev. Samuel Brittan, N. G.; Rev. John L. Ambler, V. G.; William H. Clark, Secretary; Henry S. Dan, Treasurer; who were installed into their respective chairs in regular form; and in pursuance of your instructions, the first term of said lodge was extended to the 1st day of September next. The stated meetings are to be held on Wednesday of each week.

A number of candidates were initiated in an appropriate and impressive manner at the first regular meeting, and several more referred to the committee for membership. From appearances presented at the opening of the lodge, combined with the high moral character, intellectual worth, industry, energy and perseverance of the present officers, we have every reason to think that Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, will be an ornament to the Order.

GILSON LANDON, D. D. G. M.

The committee heretofore appointed to procure regalia, were discharged.

The officers elect were then duly installed, with the exception of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master then made the following appointments :

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| W. L. A. THOMAS, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. SHELDON BASSETT, | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |
| W. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, | <i>G. G. and D. D. G. M. for New Haven Dis.</i> |
| W. GEORGE WALTER, | <i>D. D. G. M. for Fairfield Dis.</i> |
| W. N. M. WATERMAN, | <i>D. D. G. M. for Hartford Dis.</i> |
| W. R. S. PRATT, | <i>D. D. G. M. for Middlesex Dis.</i> |

Committee of Elections and Returns.—P. G. M. CROSWELL, P. G. M. GILMAN and P. G. ANTHONY.

Committee of Finance.—P. G. ELLIS, P. G. HOLLIS, D. G. M. VIBBERT.

Committee of Correspondence.—D. G. M. VIBBERT, P. G. GATES and G. MAR. THOMAS.

Committee of Grievances.—P. G. BOWDITCH, of No. 1, P. G. WATERMAN, of No. 2, P. G. PALMER, of No. 3, P. G. LONDON, of No. 4, P. G. ANTHONY, of No. 5, and P. G. GATES, of No. 6.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and was closed in ample form.

Attest,

R. S. HINMAN, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF.

| LODGES. | | No. brothers relieved. | | No. wid. fam. relieved. | | No. brothers buried. | | Amount paid for relief o brothers. | | Amount paid for relief of widowed families. | | Amount paid for education of orphans. | | Amount paid for burying the dead. | | Total amount. |
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| QUINNIPIAC, | No. 1, | 42 | 2 | 2 | | | | 773.00 | 40.00 | 00 | 60.00 | 873.00 | | | | |
| CHARTER OAK, | " 2, | 7 | 0 | 0 | | | | 86.00 | 00.00 | 00 | 00.00 | 86.00 | | | | |
| MIDDLESEX, | " 3, | 3 | 0 | 0 | | | | 27.42 | 00.00 | 00 | 00.00 | 27.42 | | | | |
| PEQUANOCK, | " 4, | 6 | 0 | 0 | | | | 136.00 | 00.00 | 00 | 00.00 | 136.00 | | | | |
| HARMONY, | " 5, | 6 | 1 | 0 | | | | 73.00 | 15.00 | 00 | 00.00 | 88.00 | | | | |
| OSBATONIC, | " 6, | 2 | 0 | 0 | | | | 32.00 | 00.00 | 00 | 00.00 | 32.00 | | | | |
| Total, | | 66 | 3 | 2 | | | | 1127.42 | 55.00 | 00 | 60.00 | 1242.42 | | | | |

Quarterly Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, with their condition on the first day of June, 1842.

| LODGES. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | General Fund. | | | | Wid. & Orph. Fund. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | No. rejected this quarter. | Initiated this quarter. | Whole No. initiated. | Admitted by Card this quart. | Whole No. admitted by Card. | Reinstated this quarter. | Whole No. reinstated. | Suspended this quarter. | Whole No. suspended. | Expelled this quarter. | Whole No. expelled. | Died this quarter. | Whole No. died. | Withdrawn this quarter. | Whole No. withdrawn. | No. contributing members. | Init's. | Wh. | Pink. | Blue. | Green. | Scarl. | P. G's. | Amount rec'd this quart. | Whole amount received. | Amount on hand. | Amount rec'd this quart. | Whole amount received. | Amount on hand. | Com. paid G. L. this quarter. | Whole amount paid G. L. | |
| QUINNPIAC, No. 1, | 218 | 383 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 235 | 334 | 127 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 55 | 8 | 196 | 10 | 421.56 | 4748.19 | 1476.66 | 66.60 | 754.16 | 733.05 | 42.15 | 291.13 |
| CHARTER OAK, " 2, | 114 | 111 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 115 | 31 | 0 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 55 | 8 | 230.32 | 1598.95 | 00.00 | 20.80 | 159.39 | 166.88 | 24.03 | 124.00 | | |
| MIDDLESEX, " 3, | 0 | 5 | 47 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 50 | 4 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 8 | 56.60 | 614.24 | 00.00 | 6.44 | 50.55 | 54.55 | 5.66 | 49.53 | | |
| PEQUANOCK, " 4, | 0 | 14 | 103 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5104 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 84 | 4 | 275.00 | 1187.90 | 436.94 | 42.81 | 174.36 | 170.62 | 27.50 | 128.78 | | |
| HARMONY, " 5, | 1 | 126 | 112 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0117 | 69 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 39 | 4 | 288.50 | 1212.59 | 628.41 | 25.12 | 125.74 | 125.74 | 28.85 | 119.58 | | |
| OURATONIC, " 6, | 2 | 6 | 31 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 23 | 2 | 67.46 | 342.28 | 51.25 | 15.50 | 47.77 | 49.58 | 6.74 | 34.22 | | |
| Total, | 683 | 787 | 142 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 649 | 756 | 250 | 1 | 83 | 4 | 6 | 425 | 36 | 1349.44 | 9704.15 | 2593.26 | 177.27 | 1311.97 | 1300.42 | 134.93 | 747.24 | | |

* For non-payment of dues.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION.

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, September 2d, 1842.

A special session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, was held this evening, and opened in regular form.

PRESENT :

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| R. W. WM. E. VIBBERT, | <i>Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair,</i> |
| R. W. A. C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. R. S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| W. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, | <i>D. D. Grand Master for N. Haven District,</i> |
| W. N. M. WATERMAN, | <i>" " " Hartford "</i> |

The following resolutions were offered by G. Rep. R. S. Hinman, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That R. S. Hinman, F. Crosswell and A. C. Heitmann be appointed a committee to wait on our Rev. Bro. A. B. Chapin, and tender him the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the able and interesting discourse delivered before them this day, and request a copy of the same for publication.

Resolved, That the same brothers be a committee to wait on Dr. J. G. Percival, and tender to him the thanks of this Grand Lodge, for the beautiful Ode written by him for the celebration of the introduction of the Order into this state.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge feel greatly indebted to our brethren from New York city, for the honor of their attendance, and their gentlemanly deportment while among us.

Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the newspapers printed in this city.

On motion of P. G. Waterman, *Voted*, That if our Rev. Bro. A. B. Chapin consent to furnish a copy of his discourse for publication, the same be published at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and was closed in regular form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, October 13th, 1842.

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. C. W. BRADLEY, | Grand Master, |
| R. W. W. E. VIBBERT, | Deputy Grand Master, |
| R. W. A. C. HEITMANN, | Grand Secretary, |
| R. W. R. S. HINMAN, | Grand Representative, |
| W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, | Grand Marshal, |
| W. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, | D. D. Grand Master for N. Haven District, |
| W. GEORGE WALTER, | " " " Fairfield " |
| W. SHELDON BASSETT, | " " " Derby " |

Certificates of election were presented for representatives as follows: P. G's F. Croswell, S. Bishop, W. E. Vibbert, T. J. Stafford, R. S. Hinman, A. C. Heitmann, W. H. Ellis, J. G. Hotchkiss, L. A. Thomas, J. B. Bowditch and B. R. Hitchcock, of No. 1; Henry H. Dickinson, of No. 2; Porter H. Snow, of No. 3; John M. Wilson and E. B. Stevens, of No. 4; and S. O. Merwin and D. Carrington, of No. 5.

Reps. Bowditch and Bassett were appointed on Committee of Elections and Returns, *pro tem.*, and reported the certificates of the above named representatives as correct.

Whereupon, the following P. G's were admitted, instructed in the G. L. degree and took their seats, viz: Henry H. Dickinson, Porter H. Snow, S. O. Merwin and Dennis Carrington.

The Grand Master read the following report, which by vote was accepted and ordered to be placed on file:

Representatives:

I shall avail myself of the opportunity which our regular assembling affords, to lay before you as well such legislative matters as may seem needful for your action, as a summary of the official duties which have been performed by the Grand Master since the annual session.

Immediately after the adjournment of that session, I forwarded to each of the District Deputy Grand Masters under this jurisdiction, certificates of their appointment; and in accordance with a requisition, it is expected that written reports of their doings will be here-

with submitted. Instructions have also been issued to these officers, requiring certain specified changes to be made in the location of the acting Past Grand's and the Warden's chairs. The arrangement thus proposed, while in strict conformity with the almost universal usage, is also calculated to secure a more perfect and dignified performance of the duties of those officers, respectively, than has been hitherto attained.

Under this head I have also to add, that Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, being at great inconvenience and expense in having no resident D. D. G. M., and the consequent difficulty of obtaining, at convenient seasons, the five minor degrees for her members, I was induced to clothe P. G. Sheldon Bassett, of Derby, with a like authority and commission.

In the recess of the Grand Lodge, I have conferred the Past Official Degrees appertaining to the chairs of V. G. and N. G., on your R. W. Grand Representative. The continued remissness of those who are qualified and entitled to receive these very beautiful and instructive degrees, is a source of deep regret,—and I feel myself obliged once more to commend them to your earnest attention.

On the 9th of September, I installed the officers of Mercantile Lodge, No. 8; on the 13th, those of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2; and on the 21st of the same month, those of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3.

On the 22d of September, attended by D. D. G. M. Pratt, P. G. Thomas Prentiss, of the Grand Lodge of New York, P. G. Kingsley, of No. 3, and several brothers of Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 5, of the lodges in this state, I proceeded to the city of New London, where I instituted *Thames Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F.*, according to the most ancient and august ceremonial of the Order. The following brothers were elected to office, viz: J. Washington Clowes, N. G., Jesse Rich, V. G., Francis B. Loomis, Sec., and Henry Stayner, Treas., who were also installed in ample form. [The first term of this lodge was extended to the 6th day of March, 1843. The sessions are held weekly, on Monday evening.]

From the character, standing and energy of the brothers to whom the charter of Thames Lodge was granted, and from the respectability and intelligence of the gentlemen who were initiated at the first session, I confidently look for a large accession to our fraternity from that city and vicinage, of such as shall become pillars and ornaments of the Order.

On the 29th of September, I received a petition from five qualified brothers residing in the borough of Norwalk, praying for a dispensation to open and constitute a lodge in that place. The prayer of the petitioners and the accompanying documents, together with the charter-fee, were returned to the proper officer, with my reasons for declining any action in the premises. I am aware that in similar applications such warrants have sometimes been issued by the Grand Master, and the analogies of the Order, as exhibited in the

executive functions of the Grand Sire, would seem to sanction the proceeding in all parallel cases occurring within the jurisdiction of a state Grand Lodge; yet, in the entire silence of our constitution and laws upon the subject, I cannot but deem the exercise of that prerogative by the Grand Master, in *any emergency*, as a clear transcendence of his legitimate powers. To meet cases where there is a peculiar and manifest expediency for granting dispensations to institute, without waiting to petition the Grand Lodge, and during its recess, I respectfully suggest to the representatives the propriety of vesting this power in the Grand Master, by a special enactment;—subjecting, however, such dispensations to the after-approval of this R. W. body.

In conformity with the third section of the fifth Article of the Constitution, until otherwise classified, the several subordinates will be arranged in the following districts, “for the more advantageous administration of the superintending powers of the Grand Master,” through his Deputies:

District No. 1 will embrace the lodges in the city of New Haven.

“ “ 2 “ “ “ Hartford.

“ “ 3 “ “ East Haddam and the

lodge in the city of New London.

District No. 4 will embrace the lodge in the city of Bridgeport, the lodge in Danbury and the lodge in Norwalk, [when instituted.]

District No. 5 will embrace the lodge in Derby.

In the event of a new lodge being formed, it will be placed under the supervision of the constituted authority of such district as its geographical position shall indicate.

The duty of executive visitations to the several subordinates, which is incidentally recognized in our organic laws, I purpose to discharge in the course of the coming winter. Owing to circumstances beyond the control of my predecessors in this chair, such a visitation has never yet been performed, and has not, perhaps, heretofore been so imperiously demanded as at the present time. With the exception of Nos. 5 and 8, all the lodges in Connecticut were formed by newly initiated members, the great majority of whom had never after seen a lodge-room until they were called upon to fill its offices and to decide upon the principles and usages of the Order. In addition to this source of embarrassment, the bodies thus formed have generally been too remote from the parent lodges to obtain, by frequent intercourse, the means of correcting many errors in the work, into which, by a necessary consequence, they have fallen. In the proposed visitation, therefore, it will be my object to examine carefully the mode in which the work is performed—to correct all irregularities and abuses—to “set in order the things which are wanting”—to cause the operations of all to conform to a uniform system—and to address the lodge on the principles of the institution, and the duties of its officers. Such a course of investigation and discipline, I

am fain to believe, will be productive of valuable results to the existing subordinates, and tend also to diminish both the number and the magnitude of the evils complained of, in lodges yet to be created.

From personal observation and from epistolary intercourse with the District Deputy Grand Masters, I am enabled to announce to you a continuance of harmony throughout this jurisdiction, and a very encouraging degree of prosperity and usefulness in all its branches.

The report of the R. W. Grand Representative will receive from you all that attention which its importance deserves ; for although it is not our province to revise the acts of the highest court of Odd Fellowship, yet its decisions may affect our future legislation. Whether *all* the proceedings of the late Grand Annual Communication will be sustained by this Grand Lodge and its co-ordinates, is a question which remains to be settled. It is my earnest wish that you should examine dispassionately and with care the journal of its session, and be prepared to decide on any question that may arise therefrom, at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

That our deliberations may be conducted with peace and discretion, should be our united and earnest endeavor.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY, *Grand Master*.

A petition was received from the requisite number of brothers residing in Norwalk, for a charter for a lodge to be located in that town, under the style and title of Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10,* which was referred by vote to the following committee of one from each lodge, viz: Hinman, of No. 1 ; Dickinson, of No. 2 ; Snow, of No. 3 ; Walter, of No. 4 ; Hollis, of No. 5 ; Bassett, of No. 6.

The reports of D. D. Grand Masters Walter, Pratt and Bassett, were presented, and by vote accepted and placed on file.

The Grand Master appointed the following D. D. Grand Masters: H. H. Dickinson, for Hartford district ; P. H. Snow, for Middlesex district ; J. M. Wilson, for Fairfield district ; S. Bassett, for Derby district.

The Quarterly Reports of all the subordinate lodges, except Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, were presented and referred.

The committee to whom was referred the petition for a lodge in Norwalk, reported in favor of granting the same. Report accepted, committee discharged and charter granted.

The Committee of Finance reported in favor of paying the following bills, viz: C. W. Bradley's bill for traveling expen-

* The applicants were Cholwell J. Gruman, Asa E. Smith, Stephen Olmsted, Richard S. Pennoyer and Isaac G. Hunt.

ses, \$7; R. S. Hinman's bill for books, \$12; Grand Lodge of the State of New York, bill for books, \$8; and by vote they were ordered to be paid.

Rep. Ellis, from committee appointed at the last regular session to "bargain with Bro. Burwell for the sword," reported, that he had drawn on the Treasurer for \$7, in payment for the same.

P. G. Heitmann, Grand Secretary elect, was installed in due form.

G. Sec. Heitmann offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the wearing of regalia at funerals be dispensed with hereafter, by all lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That ——— be appointed a committee to propose to this Grand Lodge a suitable badge to be worn by the brothers of the different lodges, on their attendance at funerals.

The above resolutions, after discussion, were, on motion of Rep. Ellis, referred to a committee.

The Grand Lodge was then adjourned to Thursday, the 27th inst.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary*.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, October 27th, 1842.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, in pursuance to adjournment, and was opened in ample form, Grand Master Bradley in the chair.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

P. G. Benjamin R. Hitchcock, of No. 1, was presented by the G. Marshal, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and took his seat.

So much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the granting of dispensations, was taken up, and on motion referred to Reps. Palmer and Bishop, who submitted the following amendment, which was laid on the table:

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, representatives of two subordinate lodges, would propose the following as an amendment to Article third, section second, clause first of the Constitution, after the word "lodge," in fourth line, to wit:

He shall grant dispensations to subordinates, at his discretion, when the Grand Lodge is not in session.

J. C. PALMER, *R. of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3*,
S. BISHOP, *R. of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1*.

Rep. Walter, of No. 4, having resigned his office of D. D. Grand Master, E. B. Stevens was appointed to fill the vacancy.

On motion of G. Sec. Heitmann, the vote passed at the annual session in July last, relative to dues from the subordinate lodges, was rescinded by a unanimous vote.*

The following amendment to the Constitution was then submitted and laid on the table:

REGULAR SESSION, October, 1842.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:

The undersigned, representatives from two subordinate lodges, propose the following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, to wit:

By striking out the second section of Article fifth, and inserting in lieu thereof, "Each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each candidate admitted during the last quarter, said payment to be made quarterly."

J. C. PALMER, *R. of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3*,
G. WALTER, *R. of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4*.

On motion of G. Treas. Bishop, *Voted*, That a committee of three be appointed to revise the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Master Bradley, G. Rep. Hinman and Rep. Palmer, were appointed on said committee.

Hitchcock & Stafford's bill of \$72.43, and John Galpin's bill of \$1.25, were presented and referred to the Finance Committee, who reported them correct, and the bills were ordered to be paid.

The committee to whom was referred the motion of G. Sec. Heitmann in regard to the wearing of regalia at funerals, made the following report:

* This being a constitutional provision, it could not be changed, except in the form prescribed; hence the vote was rescinded, and the amendment laid on the table, as prescribed by the Constitution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

The undersigned, committee to whom was referred the resolution of G. Sec. A. C. Heitmann, concerning the wearing of regalia at funerals of members of the Order, respectfully report :

That in their opinion uniformity among the different lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is extremely desirable in all matters, and that this object can be better attained by following the ancient and universal custom of the Order, than in any other way, and therefore beg leave to amend the said resolution by the following :

Resolved, That it is hereby recommended to the members of the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to appear at the funerals of deceased members in full regalia in all cases, except when the contrary is desired by the friends of the deceased brother.

All which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

F. CROSWELL, *Rep. No. 1*,

P. H. SNOW, *Rep. No. 3*,

G. WALTER, *Rep. No. 4*,

T. C. HOLLIS, *Rep. No. 5*,

S. B. BRITTAN, *Rep. No. 7*.

On motion of Rep. Walter, the above resolution was adopted.

Rep. Hollis, of No. 5, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That hereafter none but members of the scarlet degree shall be entitled to vote on the application of a brother for the degrees, and any brother recommended by the subordinate lodge of which he is a member, to take the degrees, shall have them conferred upon him, without further vote of the Degree Lodge.

G. Sec. Heitmann moved to lay the resolution on the table until the next regular session. Motion lost and resolution then passed.

The Grand Lodge adjourned, and was closed in ample form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary*.

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 12th, 1843.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and opened in regular form.

PRESENT :

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| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair,</i> |
| R. W. A. C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. R. S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| W. L. A. THOMAS, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. T. C. HOLLIS, | <i>Grand Guardian,</i> |

and representatives from seven subordinate lodges.

Quarterly Reports from lodges No. 1, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9, were received, with the regular per centage.

The Chair appointed Reps. Hinman, Hollis and Landon, Committee of Elections and Returns, *pro tem.*; and the Quarterly Reports were referred to said committee, who reported them as correct.

The Quarterly Reports were then read, accepted and ordered on file.

Certificates of election of representatives were presented, as follows : P. G. Wm. A. Goodwin, of No. 1 ; P. G. Wm. W. Kingsley, of No. 3 ; P. G. Joseph Crosby, of No. 4 ; and P. G. Noah Chandler, of No. 5 ; and were, on motion, referred to Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported them correct.

Whereupon the above named representatives were admitted, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and took their seats as members.

The following report from the Grand Master was read, accepted and ordered for record :

To the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

The undersigned, being by circumstances beyond his control prevented from attending the winter session of your Right Worthy body, respectfully transmits his report of official duties performed since the 14th day of October, 1842.

It has been the intention of the Grand Master to visit each of the subordinate lodges in this state, previous to the communication of the Grand Lodge, and from personal inspection to report on their individual prosperity and proficiency in the work of the Order. This

purpose, however, he has hitherto been able to accomplish only in part. The following synopsis will show how far the design of official visitations has been completed, together with the dates of which they were severally made, viz :

Friday, Nov. 11th, 1842, Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, Hartford.

Monday, " 14th, " Charter Oak " " 2, "

Wednes., " 16th, " Middlesex " " 3, East Haddam.

Friday, " 18th, " Thames " " 9, New London.

Among these lodges, a considerable diversity of work was found to exist both in the ceremonial of initiation and in the conferring of degrees. But whatever departures from our authorized standards has been unwarily allowed, were cheerfully and at once corrected, so soon as the deviation was pointed out. The brothers, according to their grade, were fully examined in the various secret modes of giving and receiving the tests and tokens of fraternal recognition ; and the respective lodges were addressed as well in counsels adapted to the peculiar circumstances of each, as in the general principles and duties attaching to our social and insuring system.

To the establishment of a second independent organization in Hartford, is mainly owing the present improved condition of Odd Fellowship in that city. The two lodges meet in the same hall.

The lodge in East Haddam is numerically small from the sparseness of population in its neighborhood. For the same reason, (its members living remotely from the place of meeting,) its weekly sessions are but thinly attended. Its affairs are, however, prosperous, its strength gradually increasing, and its members are harmonious, and sincerely attached to the institution.

The Grand Master installed its officers in ample form, on the 7th of December last.

At the visitation of Thames Lodge, No. 9, of New London, the whole five degrees were conferred on twenty-two brothers of that flourishing subordinate. The primary term, also, of this lodge, (which, at the time of its institution, was extended to the first meeting in March, 1843,) was allowed to close with the month of November, 1842 ; circumstances having occurred which rendered this re-arrangement highly expedient. When we take into consideration the census of New London, the recent introduction of Odd Fellowship into that city, and the already large array of her intelligent and worthy sons, the thrift which No. 9 exhibits is unparalleled in the history of any lodge in Connecticut.

Throughout this entire jurisdiction, the Order is believed to be steadily advancing in the increase and affection of its members, and in the confidence of a scrutinizing and discriminating public.

That your deliberations may be excited by zeal and tempered by sound wisdom and discretion, is the earnest desire of

Your brother, in F., L. and T.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY,

G. M. of G. L. of Connecticut.

The following amendment of the Constitution, offered by Reps. Palmer and Bishop at the last session, was taken up, viz: To insert after the word "lodge," in the fourth line of Article 3d, section 2d, clause 1st, "he shall grant dispensations to subordinates at his discretion, when the Grand Lodge is not in session."

On motion of G. Rep. Hinman, the above amendment was adopted, 10 representatives voting in the affirmative, and in the negative, none.

The amendment of Article 5th, section 2d of Constitution, proposed by Reps. Palmer and Walter, at the last session, was taken up and unanimously adopted.

Grand Sec. Heitmann moved to repeal the resolution relative to voting for applicants for the degrees, which was passed at the last session. Motion was laid on the table.

Reps. Ellis, of No. 1, and Landon, of No. 4, proposed the following amendment of first section of Article 4th of Constitution, viz:

To strike out the word "four" in the first line of clause first, "October" in the second line, "April" in the third line, and "Quarterly" in the fourth line, and also the word "Quarterly" in the first line of third clause, and insert in the place of the word "four," in the first line, first clause, the word "two," and the word "SEMI-ANNUAL" in place of the word "Quarterly," in the fourth line of first clause, and first line of third clause.

WM. H. ELLIS, *Rep. of No. 1,*
GILSON LANDON, *Rep. of No. 4.*

Grand Rep. Hinman submitted the following report, which was accepted, and ordered to be put upon record:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:

The subscriber, your Grand Representative, begs leave to Report:

That in addition to the report verbally made at the last session of your R. W. body, he has now the honor of saying:

That from the several reports of the R. W. Grand Representatives of the several R. W. Grand Lodges, the Order is in the most flourishing condition in all the states in the Union, except Louisiana, and that even there its prospects are brightening.

The returns from the several grand and subordinate lodges, show that the whole number of Odd Fellows in the United States is 24,160, of whom, 7,946 were initiated the present year, and 2,097 have arrived to the R. P. degree.

The revenue of the subordinates is \$163,717.00.

The amount paid for relief the past year, is \$44,435.00, of which

sum, \$831 were expended in educating the orphan children of our deceased brethren.

By a reference to pages 93 and 94 of the printed proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, it will be seen that the Order is paying a salary of \$1,000 to the editor of the Official Magazine, and about \$1,300 in commissions to the agent; and that the expenses of the Magazine the past year were above \$4,000, besides an amount not reported, due to those who have furnished matter for that paper. It will also be observed, that the R. W. Grand Lodge is indebted to the agent on account of the Magazine, \$925.12, and to the editor for most of his salary.

Under these circumstances, and believing that it is not for the good of our Order, as a body, to enter into any kind of business transactions that can be carried on by individual enterprise, he takes the liberty of calling the particular attention of your R. W. body to the subject, and for that purpose he submits a resolution, for the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

At the organization of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the difficulty of getting Grand Representatives to attend its sessions, on account of the expense and the small number of the members of the Order, led to the adoption of the proxy system. Your representative, believing the system a wrong one, and that the time had come when necessity (the only excuse that could ever have been given for its adoption) no longer required its continuance, offered an amendment to the Constitution of that R. W. body for its repeal, (which will be found on the 69th page of the proceedings.) Wishing for an opinion from your R. W. body on that amendment, he submits a resolution for that purpose, and he respectfully recommends an interchange of opinions with the several Grand Lodges.

Grateful for the favors and honors conferred on him by his brethren of the Order and the R. W. Grand Lodge, he will ever remain their faithful

And obedient servant, in Friendship, Love and Truth.

R. S. HINMAN.

Grand Rep. Hinman offered the following resolutions, which were passed:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the I. O. O. F., as a body, should never enter into any kind of business transactions which shall come in competition with individual enterprise; and that the publication of a Magazine by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is, therefore, impolitic, and ought to be discontinued.

Resolved, That the creation of new salaried officers by the said R. W. Grand Lodge, should be discountenanced, and that as little money should pass through said Grand Lodge as possible, with due regard to the performance of its official duties.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the system of allowing proxy representation in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, ought to be abolished.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to each of the R. W. Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Lodges, and R. W. Grand Scribes of the several Grand Encampments in the United States, with a request that they be laid before their R. W. Grand Lodges and Encampments respectively.

Grand Rep. Hinman, from committee on banner, &c. made the following report, which was accepted and ordered on file.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

The subscriber, one of the committee appointed to procure a banner, jewels, &c. for the Grand Lodge, begs leave to report :

That the committee directed him to procure the same, that he proceeded to purchase silk, and procured the same to be painted and trimmed.

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| He paid for painting, | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$53.00 |
| " " " trimming, silk, making, &c. | - | - | - | - | - | - | 35.06 |
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That soon after his appointment, he applied to Messrs. Brown & Kirby to make the jewels, who agreed to make them, but they did not, and there being no prospect of getting them made at present, the subscriber asks to be discharged.

There remains in his hands of the appropriation which was paid over to him, the sum of \$11.44, which he is ready to pay to the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted,

R. S. HINMAN, *one of the Committee.*

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge, on motion, adjourned without day, and was closed in regular form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

QUARTERLY SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, April 20th, 1843.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular Quarterly Session, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |
| W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, | <i>Grand Guardian,</i> |

and representatives from seven subordinate lodges.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

G. Rep. Hinman announced that P. G. Master Wilson Small and P. G. John Osborn, of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of New York, were in this city; and moved that the said brothers be respectfully invited to attend the sittings of this Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

Whereupon, the above named brothers were formally introduced and received with due honors,—P. G. M. Small being seated on the right of the Chair.

Quarterly reports and returns were received from the following lodges: Quinipiac, No. 1; Middlesex, No. 3, (two quarters;) Harmony, No. 5; Ousatonic, No. 6, (two quarters;) Samaritan, No. 7, (two quarters;) Thames, No. 9; and Our Brothers, No. 10.

In the absence of the Committee of Elections and Returns, the Chair appointed Reps. Hinman, Gilman and Bassett, as said committee, *pro tem*.

Certificates of election as additional representatives were presented by the following named Past Grands, viz: Isaac Judson, of No. 1; Joel Pratt, 3d, of No. 2; Thomas C. Bordman and Luther Boardman, of No. 3; Frederick Griffith, of No. 4; Robert H. Starr, of No. 5; Robert R. Wood, of No. 6; S. A. Hurlbut, of No. 7; Roland A. Robbins, of No. 8; Jesse Rich, of No. 9; D. H. Plumb, of No. 10;—which, having been duly referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, and by said committee reported as correct, the aforesaid candidates were introduced, received the Grand Lodge degree, and took

their seats as representatives of the several subordinates from which they were accredited.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported as correct the reports and returns of the respective lodges, and recommended their acceptance.

Report of the committee and reports of the lodges accepted.

The Grand Master made oral report of his official acts and doings during recess.

Petition of sundry brothers residing in Norwich, New London county, praying for a charter to supersede the dispensation under which Uncas Lodge, No. 11,* was opened in that city, on the 10th of March last, accompanied with the fee, \$30; and petition of sundry brothers residing in Middletown, Middlesex county, for a charter to open and constitute a lodge in that city, to be hailed and known as "Central Lodge, No. 12,"† accompanied with the fee of \$30, were presented.

On motion of Grand Rep. Hinman, the said petitions were both referred to a select committee of three. The Chair appointed Reps. Ellis, Brittan and Robbins, that committee.

The Grand Secretary stated that in March last he received the following Order of Notice and Memorial, and that agreeably with the requisition of the M. W. G. Master, a copy of said memorial had been furnished the respondents :—

*Office of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. }
of the State of Connecticut, Feb. 20th, A. D. 1843. }*

Upon the memorial of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, preferring certain charges against Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., and praying for relief, &c., which said memorial is here annexed, *Ordered*, That notice of the pendency of said memorial before the Grand Lodge be given to Charter Oak Lodge by the R. W. Grand Secretary, by depositing in the Post Office at New Haven, a true and attested copy of said memorial and this Order of Notice, addressed to the Secretary of said Charter Oak Lodge, on or before the first day of March, 1843; that said Charter Oak Lodge may appear before said Grand Lodge, if they see cause, and answer to the matters contained in said memorial, at its regular session, to be holden at New Haven, on the second Thursday of April next.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY, *Grand Master*.

* The names of the applicants were John L. Devotion, Edward W. Eells, James D. Mowry, John A. Lathrop, Charles C. Williams and John N. Woodard.

† The names of the applicants were Stephen M. Shaddick, Charles H. Mather, Origen Utley, Erastus H. Booth and Timothy Sage.

To the Right Worthy the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, to be held at New Haven on the 2d Thursday of April, 1843.

The memorial of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., located at East Haddam, in and for Middlesex county, in the state of Connecticut, respectfully represents:—That on the 31st day of January, A. D. 1843, Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., located in Hartford, in and for Hartford county and state aforesaid, initiated as members of said Charter Oak Lodge, Stephen M. Shaddick, Charles H. Mather, O. Utley, E. H. Booth and T. Sage, all inhabitants of and residents in the town of Middletown, county of Middlesex, with a view to the organization of a subordinate lodge in said town of Middletown. That the initiation of the above named persons by Charter Oak Lodge, was and is a wanton infringement of the rights, immunities and privileges of said Middlesex Lodge, as guarantied to her by her charter, recognized and settled by ancient usage and custom, and confirmed by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge. That said Middlesex Lodge has, and of right ought to have, the sole power, right and privilege of initiating any person or persons into the Order whose residence is in any town in said Middlesex county, and that without such power, right and privilege, her charter is impotent, deficient and ineffective.

That said Middlesex Lodge has fully discharged its obligations to the Grand Lodge, and to every subordinate lodge in the state, and when numbering only fifty-seven members, she is surprised to find her prolific sister Charter Oak Lodge, which numbers over *one hundred* members, invading her jurisdiction and enticing away subjects for the sake of gain, at the sacrifice of brotherly feeling, and without law or right. And for a more specific statement of the matters complained of against said Charter Oak Lodge, your memorialists would prefer the following charges and specifications, to wit:

1st. That the initiation of S. M. Shaddick, C. H. Mather, O. Utley, E. H. Booth and T. Sage, all residents of Middletown, Middlesex county, District No. 3, by Charter Oak Lodge, on the 31st of January last, was in violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2d. That such proceedings are a violation of usage, custom and precedent.

3d. That such proceedings are contrary to a pledge given to Middlesex Lodge, by the Order, in 1839.

4th. That such proceedings are contrary to the official remonstrance of the M. W. Grand Master.

5th. That such proceedings are injurious to the prosperity of Middlesex Lodge, of mischievous tendency, and destructive to the harmony of the Order in Connecticut.

6th. That such proceedings are an infringement of the charter of Middlesex Lodge.

Your memorialists therefore pray that notice of the foregoing may

be served upon Charter Oak Lodge, and said lodge required to answer the same, and that such relief may be granted in the premises to your memorialists by your Right Worthy body, as is in accordance with the laws, usages and customs of our Order; and that said Charter Oak Lodge be directed to pay to your memorialists the sum of thirty dollars, being the amount of initiation fees received from said persons by said Charter Oak Lodge, contrary to law, usage and custom.

And your memorialists, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

Dated at East Haddam, this 15th day of February, A. D. 1843.

*Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., }
Regular Session, Feb. 15, 1843. }*

The foregoing memorial was adopted and ordered to be signed by the N. G., V. G. and Secretary, with the seal of the lodge affixed, and returned to the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut.

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WILLIAM PALMER, N. G.
OLIVER WARNER, V. G.
THOMAS C. BORDMAN, Secretary.

G. Rep. Hinman moved to suspend the rule referring said memorial to the Committee of Grievances, and that it be referred to a select committee of one from each lodge.

G. Mar. Thomas moved to amend the above motion, by referring the documents to committee of the whole, which was carried.

The Grand Lodge then went into committee of the whole, G. Rep. Hinman in the Chair.

G. Mar. Thomas offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, That Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, did not infringe upon the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, in initiating certain members from Middletown in their lodge, as no districts have been laid out in this state."

Rep. Ellis moved to amend by adding: "but that Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, did not observe due courtesy towards the M. W. Grand Master and Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, in initiating said members."

Whereupon, the question was discussed until two o'clock A. M., when, on motion, the committee of the whole rose.

The Grand Master took his seat; the Chairman of the committee reported progress, and asked leave to sit again. Report accepted and laid on the table, and leave granted.

On motion of P. G. Master Gilman, it was ordered that the subject of grievance between Charter Oak and Middlesex Lodges be made the special order of the day to-morrow, at 8 o'clock A. M.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, praying that the dispensation under which said lodge is now working, may be confirmed, and a charter granted in lieu thereof, reported, recommending that the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Report accepted and charter granted.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 21.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Master announced his appointment of the following District Deputies for the several Districts in this state, which were confirmed by the Grand Lodge:

P. G. ISAAC JUDSON, District No. 1, including New Haven county, except Derby.

P. G. JOEL PRATT, 3d, District No. 2, including Hartford county.

P. G. THOMAS C. BORDMAN, District No. 3, including Middlesex county.

P. G. ELIPHALET B. STEVENS, District No. 4, including Fairfield county, except Danbury.

P. G. ROBERT GATES, Jr., District No. 5, including Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, of Derby.

P. G. S. B. BRITTAN, District No. 6, including Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, of Danbury.

P. G. THOMAS PRENTISS, District No. 7, including New London county.

G. Rep. Hinman presented an appeal from Br. George Hinman, of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, against the proceedings of said Lodge, in suspending him from privileges therein, and moved that the subject be referred to a select committee of five, to be reported upon at the next regular session of this Grand Lodge. Motion carried.

The Chair appointed Reps. Vibbert, Bassett, Chandler, Wood and Bishop, said committee.

Motion to postpone the order for the day to half past 9 o'clock A. M., carried.

Rep. Brittan offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, be permitted to hold a public procession in May next, to celebrate the institution of said lodge.

Resolution laid on the table.

The Grand Secretary read a communication from Washington Lodge, No. 6, D. C., informing this Grand Lodge that a card granted by said Lodge, No. 6, D. C., to *William*

Ward, has since been invalidated by said Lodge, and cautioning the lodges in this jurisdiction against receiving said card of said William Ward.

On motion, the communication was ordered on file, and the Grand Secretary directed to inform the several subordinates in this State, of the facts in the case.

The Committee of Finance reported in favor of paying the following bills, viz: C. W. Bradley's bill for travelling expenses, \$5; Quinpiac Lodge, No. 1, bill for rent, \$20; and by vote they were ordered to be paid.

Grand Rep. Hinman offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, be authorized to refuse admittance to *Rufus Forrester*, and that said Samaritan Lodge inform the Lodge where the said Forrester was initiated,—that said Forrester was a resident of Danbury at the time of his initiation.

Resolution passed.

Grand Rep. Hinman offered the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to invest three hundred dollars of the funds of this Grand Lodge in the stock of the Proprietors of Union School.

P. Grand Master Gilman moved to refer the resolution to a select committee of one from a lodge, which was carried.

The Chair appointed Grand Rep. Hinman, Reps. Waterman, Palmer, Griffith, Chandler, Wood, Brittan and Rich, said committee.

The hour having arrived for the special order of the day, on motion of Grand Sec. Heitmann, the Grand Lodge resolved itself into committee of the whole, Grand Rep. Hinman in the chair.

Report of the committee taken up. The question being on the amendment offered by Rep. Ellis, it was negatived. Question recurring on the original resolution offered by Grand Mar. Thomas, it was also decided in the negative.

Rep. Palmer offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the proceedings of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, in initiating Brs. S. M. Shaddick, E. H. Booth, T. Sage, C. H. Mather and O. Utley, against the remonstrance of the M. W. Grand Master and the known claims of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, were uncourteous and disrespectful to the Grand Master, a violation of the rights of said Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, and had a tendency to disturb the harmony of the Order; and that said Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, be and she is hereby directed to pay over to Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, the sum of

thirty dollars, being the amount of initiation fees received from said persons.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the above resolution to the Secretary of said Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, and to the Secretary of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3.

Grand Sec. Heitmann moved to strike out, in the first resolution, all after the word "Order," which was carried, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Second resolution adopted.

On motion, the committee of the whole rose.

The Grand Master took the chair, and called the Grand Lodge to order.

The chairman of the committee of the whole reported the resolutions adopted.

P. Grand Master Gilman moved to strike out the words, "*and the known claims of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3;*" which motion was lost.

Grand Sec. Heitmann moved to strike out, in the first resolution, all after the words, "disrespectful to the Grand Master." Motion prevailed.

The representatives of two subordinates required the vote to be taken by lodges.

The question recurring on the passage of the first resolution, as amended, there appeared in the *affirmative*, Quin-nipiac, No. 1, Middlesex, No. 3, Harmony, No. 5, Ousatonic, No. 6, Thames, No. 9—5. In the *negative*, Charter Oak, No. 2—1.

On the passage of the second resolution: *affirmative*, Quin-nipiac, No. 1, Middlesex, No. 3, Harmony, No. 5, Ousatonic, No. 6, Thames, No. 9—5. *Negative*, Charter Oak, No. 2—1.

So the resolutions were passed.

The Chair appointed Reps. Bassett and Chandler on the committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brothers in Middletown, praying for a charter, (in the absence of Reps. Brittan and Robbins, who were appointed on said committee.)

Rep. Palmer presented the remonstrance of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, against the granting of a charter to the applicants for a lodge in Middletown; which, on motion, was referred to the special committee on said petition.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brothers in Middletown, praying for a charter to open and constitute a lodge in that city, and also the remonstrance of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, against granting the prayer of

said petition, reported a resolution for the continuance of said petition and remonstrance to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, which was adopted.

Rep. Ellis moved to take up the amendment offered by P. Grand Master Croswell, at the regular session held January 13th, 1842, (page 45,) to Article second, section fifth of the By-Laws, viz:

To strike out the entire section, and substitute the following :

"SEC. 5th. When any candidate has been rejected by any lodge, he shall not be received by any other lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, in a less time than one year from the time of such rejection. Nor shall any application be received for initiation by a lodge, excepting from a resident of the town or county in which such lodge is situated: *Provided*, That there be a lodge in the town or county where the applicant resides."

Amendment adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the resolution relating to the investment of three hundred dollars of the Grand Lodge funds in the stock of Proprietors of Union School, reported in favor of the passage of said resolution. Resolution passed, report accepted and committee discharged.

Rep. Pratt, of No. 3, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be required to furnish the Grand Secretary with a full and minute statement of the receipts and expenditures of this Grand Lodge, from its institution to the present session, and that the said statement be published with the annual proceedings of this Grand Lodge, for 1842-3.

Resolution adopted.

Rep. Palmer offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That an appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the United States, from the decision of this Grand Lodge, be allowed to Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, in the matter of grievance of said Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, *vs.* Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2.

On motion, the resolution granting an appeal was continued to the next regular session.

The Grand Master appointed Rep. Rev. Porter H. Snow, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*

Grand Rep. Hinman offered a resolution reimbursing to the several subordinate lodges, from the funds of the Grand Lodge, the expenses incurred by said subordinates in receiving notices of the rejection of candidates. Resolution passed.

On motion of Rep. Pratt, the Grand Secretary was direct-

ed to instruct the committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, to strike out that provision which makes it obligatory on subordinate lodges to notify each other of the rejection of candidates.

No further business offering, the Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, and the Grand Lodge adjourned without day and closed in ample form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, May 31st, 1843.

At a special meeting of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, and opened in regular form,

PRESENT—R. W. W. E. Vibbert, Deputy Grand Master, in the chair, and a representation from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, Harmony Lodge, No. 5, and Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6.

P. Grand Master Croswell exhibited certificates of agency, acting in behalf of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, and also in behalf of the petitioners for a charter for a lodge, residing in Middletown.

P. Grand Master Croswell asked leave to withdraw the petition of sundry brothers residing in Middletown, praying for a charter, and also to withdraw the remonstrance of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, which was granted.

On motion, the Grand Treasurer was directed to refund thirty dollars to the applicants for a charter from Middletown, being the amount accompanying the petition of said applicants.

On motion, adjourned.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, July 13th, 1843.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day, being the regular annual session, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM E. VIBBERT, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. A. C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. R. S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Representative,</i> |

and representatives from seven subordinate lodges.

On motion of P. Grand Master Crosswell, the certificates of elections of representatives from the several subordinates were referred to the Committee of Elections and Returns, who reported the following representatives as regularly and duly elected for the current year, viz :

Frederick Crosswell, Samuel Bishop, William E. Vibbert, T. J. Stafford, R. S. Hinman, Adrian C. Heitmann, Wm. H. Ellis, J. G. Hotchkiss, L. A. Thomas, J. B. Bowditch, B. R. Hitchcock, Wm. A. Goodwin, Isaac Judson and P. Demick, of No. 1 ; Charles W. Bradley, J. C. Palmer, R. S. Pratt, D. B. Warner, T. C. Bordman, N. Pratt, W. W. Kingsley, Porter H. Snow, George E. Goodspeed, L. Boardman, Wm. Palmer, Jr. and Oliver Warner, of No. 3 ; E. B. Stevens, of No. 4 ; Clark Beach, of No. 5 ; Robert Gates, Jr., of No. 6 ; Stephen A. Hurlbut and W. W. Bedient, of No. 7 ; Allen S. Wightman, of No. 9 ; Asa E. Smith, of No. 10 ; and John L. Devotion, of No. 11.

P. G's P. Demick, W. W. Bedient, A. S. Wightman, A. E. Smith and John L. Devotion, being in waiting, were admitted, instructed in the G. L. degree, and took their seats.

The G. Master then submitted the following report :

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :

The requirements of our Constitution have brought us together in this third annual session, to legislate for the interests of the Order here committed to our charge, and to fill the several offices of the Grand Lodge which are about to become vacant by the limitation of her law. To the performance of these duties let us bring such a measure of harmony as shall exemplify the first virtue which we teach,

and such prudence in counsel as shall secure to our institution continued and permanent success.

In accordance with a custom which, though it has obtained through sufferance and not by any statutory provision, is yet one of obvious propriety, I submit to you a summary of official acts since my last written report to this Right Worthy body.

On the 8th of March, I installed the officers of Middlesex, No. 3.

On the 10th of the same month, I issued a dispensation, subject to your approval, for constituting a lodge in the city of Norwich, and proceeded forthwith to constitute the same, under the title of "Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F." Of my transactions on that occasion, and of the auspicious circumstances under which this new colony of brothers commenced their chartered existence, I made a full oral report at your last regular session, when the said dispensation was confirmed. At a grand visitation of this subordinate, held on the 28th day of April, and at a visit made on the 15th of June, (at which time the patriarchal branch was established in that city,) I conferred the five minor degrees on a large number of candidates who had been duly recommended therefor. At the latter named date I also conferred the Past N. G's, Past V. G's and Past Secretary's degrees on P. G. John L. Devotion,—the Past V. G's and the Past Secretary's degrees on N. G. Edward W. Eells, and the Past Secretary's degree on Br. James D. Mowry. From an examination made on both these occasions into the mode of working in Uncas Lodge, I am confident that in strict fidelity to and familiarity with the printed charges and lectures, in tasteful execution of the work, and in attachment to the institution, this young offspring of our confederacy comes behind no lodge in Connecticut, and is fully equal to any of those which I have visited in other states.

The petition which was brought to the April session of the Grand Lodge, from brothers residing in Middletown, praying for a charter to open and constitute a lodge in that place, (and which was laid over for subsequent action,) and the remonstrance of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, against granting the prayer of said petition, having been severally withdrawn by the consent of the Grand Lodge, in a special session held May 31st, arrangements were entered into which it is believed will be satisfactory to all the parties concerned.

A renewed application from that quarter was made to me early in the month of June last, accompanied with the charter-fee and a recommendation of the petitioners from lodge No. 3. The action of the Grand Lodge in the premises, as already recited, left me free to issue the proper warrant for institution, which was accordingly done; and on the 12th day of June I opened "Central Lodge, No. 12, I. O. O. F." in the city of Middletown, and installed into their respective chairs the officers elect. At this ceremony I was gratified in having the assistance of P. G. M. James B. Gilman, a large number of brothers from the lodges in Hartford, and a representation from those in East Haddam and New Haven.

From the statistical reports of our subordinates for the quarter ending June 1st, you will infer the continued prosperity of the brotherhood within this jurisdiction. So far as I have had opportunity to observe from personal inspection and epistolary intercourse, this favorable conjecture is substantiated by the practical results of our system: numerous and prompt benefits have been afforded to the sick and bereaved, and the halcyon influence of "Friendship, Love and Truth" has, without demanding or receiving the surrender of any principle, softened the asperities which are too apt to exist among men of different creeds in religion and different parties in politics.

The aggregate of contributing members now under our supervision is 1266; showing an increase of about 45 per cent. over the last annual returns. Arithmetical progress, however, is not always an infallible criterion of solid prosperity: for while there is good reason to believe that the character and standing of our members is not inferior to that of an equal amount taken promiscuously from any association of men, it is yet probable that we suffer in some degree from the want of due scrutiny into the *social* as well as into the moral qualifications of candidates previous to their initiation.

"————— Fertur quò rara securis,"

(if we except the harmless symbol of the Warden,) is an error to which recent lodges are more especially prone, and arises partly from inexperience and partly from a desire to multiply quickly their social and financial resources. The evil results of this making haste to be rich and powerful, cannot be too strongly impressed upon the subordinates, and should be carefully checked by the representative guardians of their interests.

Having ascertained that the prevailing opinion of the Past Grands in this state corresponds with my own herein, I respectfully suggest the propriety of bringing before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States the views of this Grand Lodge on the necessity of a thorough revision of the lectures, charges and other work appertaining to the several degrees of the Order. Into an analysis of their supposed defects, it is both inexpedient and unnecessary here to enter. I commend the subject to your wise consideration, satisfied that you will dispose of it as its high importance demands.

Before closing this report, I avail myself of the opportunity which it affords to testify my grateful sense of the courtesy which has been uniformly extended to me by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, during the year in which I have had the honor to preside over its deliberations.

CHARLES WILLIAM BRADLEY,
G. M. of G. L. of Connecticut.

The report of the M. W. Grand Master was, on motion of Grand Rep. Hinman, accepted and ordered to be entered on the record.

On motion of Grand Sec. Heitmann, *Voted*, That so much of the Grand Master's report, as is relative to the degrees, be referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed Reps. Thomas, Stevens and Wightman.

The special committee to whom was referred the appeal of Bro. George Hinman, of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, made a report, which, on motion, was referred to a special committee.

The Chair appointed on said committee, Reps. Judson, Gates, Stevens, Wightman, Devotion and Starr.

Reports from the several D. D. G. Masters were received and read, and on motion of G. Mar. Thomas, were accepted and lodged on file.

A communication to the Grand Master from sundry brothers of the Order residing in Middletown, praying for a charter for a lodge to be located in that city, was read, and on motion, the petition was referred to a committee of three.

The Chair appointed Reps. Hinman, Hollis and Bassett, who reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition. Report accepted and charter granted.

The following bills were presented and referred to Committee of Finance, viz: A. C. Heitmann's bill of \$31.97; S. W. Scovill's bill of \$4.50; S. Bassett's bill of \$6.; R. S. Hinman's bill of \$16; and C. W. Bradley's bill of \$6.17; who reported them correct, and they were ordered to be paid.

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the committee on the appeal of Bro. George Hinman, reported verbally that they concurred with the report of the committee appointed at the last session.*

On motion of Rep. Hinman, the report was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. Bassett, the rules were suspended, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to nominate candidates for the several offices.

D. Grand Master Vibbert was nominated for Grand Master, but declined the nomination.

Grand Rep. Hinman was then nominated for Grand Master; S. Bassett, for D. Grand Master; John L. Devotion, for Grand Warden; A. C. Heitmann, for Grand Secretary; S. Bishop, for Grand Treasurer; P. H. Snow, for Grand Chaplain; Wm. H. Ellis and J. C. Palmer, for Grand Representatives.

On motion of Rep. Bassett, *Voted*, That the Grand Lodge now proceed to the election of officers.

* The committee did not cite the parties nor was there any hearing.

Chair appointed Reps. Anthony and Wightman, as tellers.

R. S. Hinman was unanimously elected Grand Master ; S. Bassett, Deputy Grand Master ; John L. Devotion, Grand Warden ; A. C. Heitmann, Grand Secretary ; S. Bishop, Grand Treasurer ; P. H. Snow, Grand Chaplain ; William H. Ellis and J. C. Palmer, Grand Representatives.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the Degrees, offered the following report and resolution :

Whereas, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the charges and lectures of the several degrees of the I. O. O. F., require many important alterations ; therefore,

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Reps. be instructed to bring before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the subject of a thorough revision of the work of the Order, and to introduce a resolution before that body for committing said work to a special committee for that purpose.

L. A. THOMAS,
E. B. STEVENS,
A. S. WIGHTMAN.

On motion, *Voted*, That the report be accepted and committee discharged.

The question being on the passage of the above resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

Grand Treas. Bishop made his annual report, which, on motion of Rep. Hinman, was referred to Committee of Finance.

On motion of Rep. Hinman, *Voted*, That 8 o'clock to-morrow be assigned for the installation of officers.

Rep. Thomas moved that a committee of two be appointed to revise the books of Installation, and procure the printing of 250 copies. Laid on the table.

Rep. Bassett offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, I. O. O. F., have leave to celebrate their anniversary some time in the month of October next, and that this Grand Lodge allow them the use of their banner.

•Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

MORNING SESSION, July 14th, 1843.

Grand Lodge met according to adjournment—same members in attendance.

Rep. Hinman moved to take up the amendments of the Constitution in regard to the time of meetings, as offered by Reps. Ellis and Landon, at the January session, which was carried.

The following amendments to the Constitution were then unanimously adopted :

To strike out the word "four" in the first line of clause first, "October" in the second line, "April" in the third line, and "Quarterly" in the fourth line, and also the word "Quarterly" in the first line of third clause, and insert in the place of the word "four," in the first line, first clause, the word "two," and the word "SEMI-ANNUAL" in place of the word "Quarterly," in the fourth line of first clause, and first line of third clause.

On motion of P. G. M. Bradley, the appeal of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, which was laid on the table at the last session, was taken up, and leave granted to said lodge to appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

P. G. M. Bradley, as chairman of the committee on the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, reported verbally, that he had prepared said revision and was ready to report at the April session, but the press of business prevented; he had not the report with him now, and asked further time, which was granted.

Rep. Devotion moved to take up the report on the appeal of Bro. George Hinman, which was carried.

On motion of G. Sec. Heitmann, *Voted*, That the report be referred back to the committee, with instructions that Bro. Hinman be *regularly* notified to appear before said committee.

Rep. Vibbert was excused from serving on said committee, and Rep. Thomas appointed in his place.

The officers elect were then installed in ample form.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following appointments:

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| W. ROBERT H. STARR, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> | | | | |
| W. ISAAC JUDSON, | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> | | | | |
| W. ELIPHALET B. STEVENS, | <i>Grand Guardian,</i> | | | | |
| W. PRELATE DEMICK, | <i>D. D. Grand Master, for</i> | <i>District No. 1,</i> | | | |
| W. JOEL PRATT, 3d, | " | " | " | " | 2, |
| W. T. C. BORDMAN, | " | " | " | " | 3, |
| W. E. B. STEVENS, | " | " | " | " | 4, |
| W. JAMES KNERINGER, | " | " | " | " | 5, |
| W. S. A. HURLBUT, | " | " | " | " | 6, |
| W. ASA E. SMITH, | " | " | " | " | 7, |
| W. A. S. WIGHTMAN, | " | " | " | " | 8, |
| W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | " | " | " | " | 9. |

Committee of Elections and Returns.—P. G. Masters BRADLEY and GILMAN, and Rep. ANTHONY.

Committee of Finance.—Reps. ELLIS, HOLLIS and GOODWIN.

Committee of Correspondence.—Reps. GATES, THOMAS and SHULTAS.

Committee of Grievances.—Reps. CROSWELL, PALMER, WILSON, CHANDLER, WOOD, HURLBUT, RICH, SMITH and DEVOTION.

On motion of P. G. M. Bradley, the appointments of the Grand Master were approved.

A communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, relative to proxy representatives in that body, was read and ordered on file.

Also a communication from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, giving notice of the expulsion of Perseverance Lodge, No. 17, and requesting this Grand Lodge to give notice to the subordinates under her jurisdiction, not to admit any members of that lodge.

An invitation from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland to attend the celebration to be held in Baltimore, in September next, was read and ordered on file.

P. G. M. Bradley offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to oppose the payment of the expenses of the several Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodges and Encampments, by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Wightman offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That Thames Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F., be permitted to celebrate their anniversary in the month of September next, and that they be allowed the use of the banner of this R. W. Grand Lodge, on the occasion.

Grand Sec. Heitmann moved to take up the resolution of Rep. Thomas, authorizing the printing of 250 copies of Installation books, which was carried.

Grand Sec. Heitmann moved to amend said resolution, by substituting 100 copies ; which was carried, and resolution as amended adopted.*

On motion of P. G. Master Bradley, *Voted*, That hereafter

* It was ascertained that the Grand Lodge of the United States had prohibited the printing of any part of the work by state Grand Lodges, and the object of this committee was never carried into effect. See Jour. proceedings of G. L. of U. S. 1843, p. 548.

250 copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge be printed, and that the Grand Secretary be ordered to procure attested lists of the members of the different subordinates under this jurisdiction, arranged according to their rank and degrees, to be printed with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the current year.

The Committee of Finance made the following report, which was accepted.

To the Grand Lodge of Connecticut :

We, the undersigned, committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, certify that we have attended to the duty assigned us, and find the same correct ; and that there is in his hands, to be carried forward to new account, four hundred and forty-one dollars and sixteen cents in cash ; and that there is standing to his credit (in trust for the Grand Lodge) on the books of the Proprietors of Union School, twenty shares of the capital stock thereof, on which one hundred and eighty dollars has been paid.

WM. E. VIBBERT, }
THOS. C. HOLLIS, } *Com. of Finance.*

New Haven, July 14, 1843.

On motion of Grand Treas. Bishop, *Voted*, That the Grand Secretary be required to notify the subordinate lodges of the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Master be authorized to procure printed blanks for the same.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, July 17, 1843.

At a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened by order of the M. W. Grand Master,

PRESENT :

M. W. ROBINSON S. HINMAN, *Grand Master*,
R. W. SHELDON BASSETT, *Deputy Grand Master*,
R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary*,
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer*,
R. W. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, *Grand Representative*,
W. ROBERT H. STARR, *Grand Marshal*,

and representatives Croswell, Hitchcock, Bowditch, Thomas and Stafford, of No. 1, and Hollis, Anthony and Chandler, of No. 5.

On motion of G. Rep. Ellis, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to our late M. W. G. Master C. W. Bradley, for the very able manner in which he discharged the duties of that office, for the many improvements he has introduced, and for the very gentlemanly, friendly and pleasant intercourse with the members of the Grand Lodge and the Order generally.

Resolved, That the G. Secretary be directed to forward to our M. W. Brother C. W. Bradley, a copy of the foregoing resolutions, signed by the G. Master and himself.

On motion of P. G. M. Croswell, the Grand Master was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer for the amount due the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary*.

Dr. G. L. of Connecticut, I. O. O. F. in acc't with S. Bishop, Treasurer. Cr.

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| 1841. | | |
| Apr. 8, | Cash pd. G. L. of N. Y. | \$12.00 |
| | " S. Bishop, | 61.38 |
| | " Hitchcock & Stafford, | 23.00 |
| July 8, | " Yemmans & Morehouse, | 2.00 |
| | " Music, | 4.50 |
| | " S. Bishop, | 1.50 |
| Oct. 14, | " F. Crosswell, | 11.00 |
| | " I. Tuttle, | 3 00 |
| | " C. S. A. Davis, | 1.50 |
| | " Wm. E. Vibbert, | 1.12 |
| | " Yemmans & Morehouse, | 88 |
| | " S. Bishop, | 1.50 |
| | " C. W. Bradley, | 30.00 |
| | " Wm. E. Vibbert, | 20.00 |
| | " R. S. Hinman, | 7.50 |
| | " G. L. U. S. dues, | 20.00 |
| 1842. | | |
| Jan. 17, | " S. M. Bassett, | 2.25 |
| | " R. S. Hinman, | 10.54 |
| | " Hitchcock & Stafford, | 70.54 |
| | " Rent, | 20.00 |
| Apr. 14, | " C. S. A. Davis, | 1.50 |
| May 12, | " C. S. A. Davis, | 75 |
| July 15, | " L. A. Thomas, | 2.00 |
| | " J. L. Mitchell, | 53.00 |
| | " R. S. Hinman, | 15.00 |
| | " G. L. U. S. dues, | 20.00 |
| | " R. S. Hinman, | 47.00 |
| | " Grand Rep. | 30.00 |
| | " S. Short, | 6.00 |
| | " Mr. Bason, | 3.00 |
| | " Music, | 30.00 |
| | " Discount on R.R. Money, | 3.00 |
| Sept 16, | " Music, | 22.50 |
| Oct. 4, | " D. M. Burwell, | 7.00 |
| | " C. W. Bradley, | 7.00 |
| | " J. B. Bowditch, | 25.50 |
| | " Hitchcock & Stafford, | 73.43 |
| Nov. 2, | " A. B. Chapin, | 10.00 |
| | " J. G. Anthony, | 23.78 |
| Dec. 3, | " Babcock & Wildman, | 2.75 |
| | " Curtis Judson, | 3.38 |
| 1843. | | |
| Jan. 9, | " Osborn & Baldwin, | 2.00 |
| | " Woodward & Carrington, | 2.00 |
| Apr. 22, | " Union School Stock, | 60.00 |
| | " Rent, | 20.00 |
| | " C. W. Bradley, | 5.00 |
| May 4, | " U. S. Stock, | 60.00 |
| June 23, | " Woodward & Carrington, | 1.25 |
| July 5, | " U. S. Stock, | 60.00 |
| | | \$900.04 |

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| 1841. | | |
| Jan. 9, | Dues C. Oak Lodge, | \$15.29 |
| | " 14, " Quinnipiac, | 28.65 |
| | " 16, " Middlesex, | 5.16 |
| Apr. 8, | " do. | 5.54 |
| | " Quinnipiac, | 51.89 |
| | " 13, " Charter Oak, | 16.90 |
| | " 15, Charter for No. 4, | 30.00 |
| | " do. for No. 5, | 30.00 |
| July 8, | Dues No. 1, | 36.79 |
| | " No. 3, | 7.83 |
| June 1, | " No. 2, | 10.42 |
| Sept. 1, | " No. 2, | 9.00 |
| | " No. 1, | 43.66 |
| | " No. 5, | 55.43 |
| | " No. 3, | 12.66 |
| | Charter No. 6, | 30.00 |
| 1842. | | |
| Jan. 15, | Dues No. 1, | 44.77 |
| | " No. 2, | 23.50 |
| | " No. 3, | 7.88 |
| | " No. 4, | 63.78 |
| | " No. 5, | 21.68 |
| Apr. 15, | " No. 1, | 43.22 |
| | " No. 2, | 24.86 |
| | " No. 3, | 5.00 |
| | " No. 4, | 27.50 |
| | " No. 5, | 13.59 |
| | " No. 6, | 27.48 |
| | Charter for No. 7, | 30.00 |
| June, | Dues No. 1, | 42.15 |
| | " No. 2, | 24.03 |
| | " No. 3, | 5.66 |
| | " No. 4, | 27.50 |
| | " No. 5, | 28.85 |
| | " No. 6, | 6.74 |
| | Charter for No. 8, | 30.00 |
| | do. for No. 9, | 30.00 |
| Oct. | Dues No. 1, | 15.00 |
| | " No. 2, | 19.00 |
| | " No. 4, | 6.00 |
| | " No. 5, | 17.00 |
| | " No. 6, | 5.00 |
| | " No. 7, | 23.00 |
| | " No. 8, | 2.00 |
| Nov. | Charter No. 10, | 30.00 |
| Dec. 13, | Cash of J. G. Hotchkiss, | 9.80 |
| 1843. | | |
| Jan. 12, | Dues No. 1, | 31.22 |
| | " No. 4, | 14.04 |
| | " No. 5, | 20.03 |
| | " No. 8, | 9.00 |
| | " No. 9, | 40.02 |
| 20, | " No. 1, | 8.00 |
| | " No. 3, | 10.03 |
| | " No. 4, | 7.00 |
| | " No. 5, | 10.00 |
| | " No. 6, | 2.62 |
| | " No. 7, | 49.04 |
| | " No. 8, | 6.00 |
| | " No. 9, | 42.00 |
| | " No. 10, | 18.00 |
| | Charter for No. 11, | 30.00 |

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Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges, with their condition on the first day of June, 1843.

| LODGES. | Initiations. | Rejections. | Adm. by card. | With. by card. | Reinstated. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deaths. | Past Grands. | Deg. members. | | | | | Initiates. | Whole No. of con. mem. | No. mem. rel. | Am. paid for weekly ben. | Am't paid to wid. families. | Am't paid to bro. not mem. | Am. of funeral benefis. | Total benefis. | Annual rev. | Ann. receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Total amount of Gen. Fund. | Total amount of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Con. and Grand Lodge. | | |
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| QUINNIPAC, No. 1, | 45 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 149 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 200 | 363 | 50 | 642 | \$10 | \$20 | \$60 | \$732 | 1757.44 | 285.20 | 1997.80 | 1021.66 | 69.22 | | |
| CHARTER OAK, " 2, | 55 | 5 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 69 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 1 | 42 | 157 | 7 | 169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 199 | 1105.87 | 108.32 | 00 | 299.49 | 62.71 | |
| MIDDLESEX, " 3, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 27 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 58 | 4 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 72 | 258.04 | 73.18 | 38.41 | 97.94 | 17.68 | |
| PEQUANOCK, " 4, | 19 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 45 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 86 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 110 | 21 | 232 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 292 | 617.49 | 90.47 | 280.47 | 19.00 | | |
| HARMONY, " 5, | 49 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 157 | 20 | 244 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 281 | 862.87 | 149.38 | 575.49 | 243.31 | 57.00 | |
| OUSATONIC, " 6, | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 23 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 42 | 6 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 44 | 198.35 | 24.92 | 13.04 | 80.36 | 10.63 | |
| SAMARITAN, " 7, | 82 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 65 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 89 | 9 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 106 | 1195.55 | 116.63 | 41.96 | 116.63 | 84.04 | |
| MERCANTILE, " 8, | 18 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 25 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 199.99 | 16.63 | 00 | 16.63 | 16.56 | |
| THAMES, " 9, | 108 | 16 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 63 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 107 | 4 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 28 | 1270.63 | 152.40 | 434.36 | 158.46 | 103.00 | |
| OUR BROTHERS, " 10, | 46 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 34 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 53 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 559.16 | 61.42 | 117.86 | 61.42 | 46.00 | |
| UNCAS, " 11, | 87 | 16 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 94 | 0 | 00 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 970.96 | 120.98 | 18.19 | 120.28 | 88.40 | |
| CENTRAL,* " 12, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, | 528 | 60 | 26 | 32 | 1 | 26 | 1 | 57 | 4 | 663 | 4 | 56 | 17 | 1 | 441 | 1245 | 122 | 1515 | \$17 | \$20 | \$210 | 1762 | \$996.35 | 1198.13 | 3517.93 | 2496.65 | 574.24 | | |

* New Lodge—no return.

† For non-payment of dues.

‡ For conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT, I. O. O. F.

OFFICERS, ELECTED JULY SESSION, 1848.

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| M. W. ROBINSON | S. HINMAN, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. SHELDON BASSETT, | | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. PORTER H. SNOW, | | <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, } | | <i>Grand Representatives,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, } | | |
| W. ROBERT H. STARR, | | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. ISAAC JUDSON, | | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |
| W. ELIPHALET B. STEVENS, | | <i>Grand Guardian.</i> |

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FRED. CROSWELL, JAMES B. GILMAN, C. W. BRADLEY.

MEMBERS.

| Time of Admission. | | | Time of Admission. | | |
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| 1840—Nov. 24. | Fred. Crowell, | No. 1. | 1842—Oct. 13. | H. H. Dickinson, | No. 2. |
| | Samuel Bishop, | No. 1. | | Porter H. Snow, | No. 3. |
| | W. E. Vibbert, | No. 1. | | E. B. Stevens, | No. 4. |
| | J. B. Gilman, | No. 2. | | S. O. Merwin, | No. 5. |
| | John C. Palmer, | No. 3. | | D. Carrington, | No. 5. |
| 1841—Jan. 14. | John Moore, | No. 2. | | 27. B. R. Hitchcock, | No. 1. |
| April 8. | T. J. Stafford, | No. 1. | 1843—Jan. 12. | W. A. Goodwin, | No. 1. |
| | R. S. Hinman, | No. 1. | | W. W. Kingsley, | No. 3. |
| | N. M. Waterman, | No. 2. | | Joseph Crosby, | No. 4. |
| | R. S. Pratt, | No. 3. | | Noah Chandler, | No. 5. |
| July 8. | C. W. Bradley, | No. 3. | April 20. | Isaac Judson, | No. 1. |
| | A. C. Heitmann, | No. 1. | | Joel Pratt, 3d, | No. 2. |
| Oct. 14. | W. H. Ellis, | No. 1. | | T. C. Bordman, | No. 3. |
| | J. B. Shultas, | No. 2. | | L. Boardman, | No. 3. |
| | J. W. Newell, jr. | No. 5. | | Fred'k Griffith, | No. 4. |
| | Benj. F. Folger, | No. 2. | | R. H. Starr, | No. 5. |
| 1842—Jan. 13. | J. G. Hotchkiss, | No. 1. | | R. R. Wood, | No. 6. |
| | Guy R. Phelps, | No. 2. | | S. A. Hurlbut, | No. 7. |
| | Geo. Walter, | No. 4. | | R. A. Robbins, | No. 8. |
| | J. G. Anthony, | No. 5. | | Jesse Rich, | No. 9. |
| April 14. | L. A. Thomas, | No. 1. | | D. H. Plumb, | No. 10. |
| | Gilson Landon, | No. 4. | July 13. | P. Demick, | No. 1. |
| | Sheldon Bassett, | No. 6. | | W. W. Bedient, | No. 7. |
| July 14. | J. B. Bowditch, | No. 1. | | A. S. Wightman, | No. 9. |
| | T. C. Hollis, | No. 5. | | A. E. Smith, | No. 10. |
| | Robert Gates, | No. 6. | | J. L. Devotion, | No. 11. |

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, Nov. 11, 1843, 8 o'clock P. M.

At a special session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened by order of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, for the purpose of making arrangements for the **Funeral of the late Most worthy Grand Master, ROBINSON S. HINMAN**:

PRESENT ;—from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1—G. Treas. Bishop, G. Sec. Heitmann, G. Rep. Ellis, P. D. G. M. Vibbert, Reps. Thomas, Bowditch, Goodwin, Judson and Demick.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3—P. G. M. Bradley.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5—Reps. Hollis and Chandler.

The G. Secretary called the Grand Lodge to order.

On motion of P. G. M. Bradley, G. Rep. Ellis was called to the chair, by whom the Grand Lodge was opened in form.

The Chair announced to the Grand Lodge the solemn and afflicting event which had deprived it of its executive officer, and the special business consequent thereon, for the transaction of which this session had been called.

Whereupon, Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, it has pleased Almighty God, in His wise Providence, to remove from us by death, our distinguished head and eminently beloved brother, Robinson S. Hinman, Grand Master of this Grand Lodge ;—Therefore,

Resolved, That in this bereavement the Order at large has sustained the loss of one of its brightest ornaments, and that the Grand Lodge of Connecticut in particular mourns for the zealous and efficient officer whom it had but lately called to preside over its deliberations.

Resolved, That we revere and cherish the memory of our departed brother, as an eminent citizen and as a faithful Odd Fellow, who, in all the relations of life had become endeared to his associates by his activity, his exemplary courtesy and his practical benevolence.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our cordial sympathies to the relatives and friends of the deceased in their heavy affliction.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will attend the funeral of its late Grand Master, on Monday, the 13th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M., and do also invite the attendance of the several subordinate lodges in the state.

Resolved, That as a token of respect, the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction be requested to clothe their respective lodge-rooms in mourning for the space of three months, beginning with the winter term.

Resolved, That the G. Secretary be directed to transmit to the relatives of the deceased and to each subordinate lodge in Connecticut, a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

On motion, adjourned to Monday, the 13th inst., at two o'clock P. M.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

ADJOURNED SPECIAL SESSION.

MONDAY, NOV. 13th, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by D. G. M. Bassett.

Present, the same Grand Officers as before, and all the representatives of lodges Nos. 1 and 5.

Resolution by P. G. M. Bradley, raising a committee of three to procure a suitable member to deliver a eulogy before the Grand Lodge, at a future session, on the life, character and services of the late Most Worthy Grand Master: passed,—and P. G. M. Bradley, P. D. G. M. Vibbert and G. Sec. Heitmann appointed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess of two hours to attend the burial; and clothed in full regalia, proceeded under the direction of the Grand Marshal to the residence of G. Rep. Ellis, whence the corpse was to be borne.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

Hiram Lodge, No. 1, (Masonic.)

Harmony Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

The Reverend Clergy.

Pall
Bearers.



Pall
Bearers.

Mourners.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.

Members of the Bar.

Lancasterian School.

Citizens.

The Grand Lodge returned in procession to the Hall, and closing in regular form was adjourned without day.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, JAN. 11, 1844.

This being the day required by the Constitution for the Semi-annual Session, the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened at the hall of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, and was opened in regular form.

PRESENT :

R. W. SHELDON BASSETT, *Deputy Grand Master, in the Chair,*
R. W. JOHN L DEVOTION, *Grand Warden,*
R. W. A. C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary.*
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer,*
R. W. WM. H. ELLIS, *Grand Representative,*
W. ISAAC JUDSON, *Grand Conductor.*

REPRESENTATIVES.

The Grand Officers representing their respective lodges ; in addition to which were the following, viz : from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1—William E. Vibbert, Lucius A. Thomas, William A. Goodwin, Prelate Demick.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2—Henry H. Dickinson.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3—Charles W. Bradley.

Pequanock Lodge, No. 4—None.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5—T. C. Hollis, N. Chandler.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6—Robert Gates, Jr., Robert R. Wood.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7—S. A. Hurlbut.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8—None.

Thames Lodge, No. 9—Thomas Prentiss.

Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10—None.

Uncas Lodge, No. 11—None.

Central Lodge, No. 12—None.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the sessions held May 31st, July 13th and July 17th, 1843, (having been printed,) was dispensed with. Minutes of the special sessions held Nov. 11th and Nov. 13th, 1843, read and approved.

In the absence of Reps. Gilman and Anthony, the Chair appointed Reps. Ellis and Prentiss to fill, *pro tempore*, the vacancy in the Committee of Elections and Returns.

The Committee of Elections and Returns reported that certificates in due form had been received of the election of the following list of additional representatives, and that the gentlemen were now in waiting to be admitted, viz : from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1—Charles Ball, N. C. Hall.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2—E. C. Kellogg, J. W. Johnson.

Pequanock Lodge, No. 4—William L. Watson, Ammon Williams.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5—Clark Beach, John C. Hayden, Stephen Lawton.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6—James Kneringer, Simon Tomlinson.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7—John L. Ambler.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8—H. L. Miller.

Thames Lodge, No. 9—Augustus G. Seaman, Orrin F. Smith.

Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10—C. J. Gruman, Stephen Olmsted, Sam'l R. Bunting.

Uncas Lodge, No. 11—Edward W. Eells, James D. Mowry.

Central Lodge, No. 12—Stephen M. Shaddick, E. H. Booth : (total 22 :) who were thereupon admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and took their seats.

Further report of the same committee on the following full certificates of election of representatives returned from several subordinate lodges, to wit: from

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2—P. G. M. James B. Gilman, John Moore, James B. Shultas, N. M. Waterman, Guy R. Phelps, Henry L. Clark, William D. Eaton, Henry H. Dickinson, James T. Griswold, Thomas H. Seymour.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3—P. G. M. Charles W. Bradley, Asa E. Gillett.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6—Sidney Alling, Lewis Hotchkiss.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8—R. A. Robbins.

Report accepted.

Further report of the same committee on the quarterly returns of the subordinate lodges, as follows: From lodges Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, full reports for the terms ending September and December, 1843; from No. 8, arrear report for the term ending in June, 1843; from Nos. 11 and 12, full reports for the term ending in September, 1843.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master reported his official acts as G. M. *ad interim*, together with the returns of the following District Deputies, viz: Prelate Demick, of Dist. No. 1, Asa E. Smith, of Dist. No. 7, Allen S. Wightman, of Dist. No. 8, and John L. Devotion, of Dist. No. 9, each for the two terms ending Oct. 12, 1843, and Jan. 11, 1844; from James Kneringer, of Dist. No. 5, a report for the term ending Oct. 12, 1843; from Thomas C. Bordman, of Dist. No. 3, and Eliphalet B. Stevens, of Dist. No. 4, reports for the term ending Jan. 11, 1844; (reports of the preceding term *not received*;) and two irregular and imperfect returns from S. A. Hurlbut,

of Dist. No. 6. No returns were received from Dist. No. 2, by reason of the recent death of the D. D. G. M. of that district, Joel Pratt, 3d. On motion, the several reports were ordered on file.

The special committee on the appeal of George Hinman, a suspended member of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, reported, asking leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and submitting a resolution that the appellant have leave to withdraw his appeal: resolution passed, and committee discharged.*

The following bills were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Finance, viz:

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| Bill of P. G. M. Bradley, for expenses as G. M. | \$5.00 |
| “ “ P. Demick, for amount overpaid on quota of No. 1, | 1.00 |
| “ “ J. Galpin, for Blank-book, | 75 |
| “ “ J. C. Palmer, for expenses as G. Rep. G. L. U. S., | 35.50 |
| “ “ Wm. H. Ellis, do. do. | 40.00 |
| “ “ Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, for rent, to Dec. 1, 1843, | 20.00 |
| “ “ Hitchcock & Stafford, for printing, | 54.43 |
| “ “ Morning Courier, for advertising, | 50 |
| “ “ Columbian Register, do. | 50 |
| “ “ A. C. Heitmann, for salary as G. Sec. and postages, | 18.31 |
| “ “ A. C. Heitmann, for stationery, | 3.75 |
| “ “ John L. Devotion, expenses as G. W. and D. G. M. | 6.00 |

P. G. M. Bradley, from the committee appointed at a previous session to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the business of revising the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, beg leave to report:

* The ground of this appeal was “informality and want of fairness.” There appeared to be no want of fairness, and the only informality or irregularity shown before the committee was, that when the vote was taken on suspending the brother, two thirds of the members who *voted* were in the affirmative, but not two thirds of the members *present*, as required by the Constitution. But at the next regular meeting of the lodge the vote was reconsidered, and upon being put again, it was passed by a constitutional majority. The point therefore decided by the Grand Lodge, in this case, was that a subordinate lodge has power to correct its own acts (when not properly done) by a vote of reconsideration.

That the several members of your committee have given the important trust confided to them a long and careful deliberation—the result of which, incorporating the decisions and standing resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and provisions for such emergencies as experience has demonstrated to be necessary for the prosperity of this jurisdiction, and on which no special legislation has yet been had, is herewith presented.

Your committee regret that this result of their labours cannot now have the exposition and support of one of their number on whom they greatly relied—the late eminent and beloved M. W. Grand Master.

To Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, the committee are under peculiar obligations for the many and valuable suggestions which his zeal and intelligence on the subject enabled him to offer; and they avail themselves of this occasion to acknowledge his kindness and courtesy.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES WM. BRADLEY, *Chairman*.

New Haven, Jan. 11, 1844.

On motion of Rep. Miller, the report was laid on the table. On further motion by the same, the Grand Lodge opened on the nomination and election of a Grand Master.

The Chair appointed Reps. Bishop and Hollis tellers.

Rep. Sheldon Bassett, of No. 6, D. G. M., was nominated, and upon balloting was duly elected Grand Master.

The office of Deputy Grand Master having thus become vacant, the Chair called for nominations therefor, when the following named representatives were nominated, to wit: W. H. Ellis, J. L. Devotion, A. C. Heitmann, P. Demick and H. L. Miller. On the first ballot, no choice; on the second ballot, Rep. John L. Devotion, of No. 11, was chosen.

The office of Grand Warden being thus vacated, the following representatives were nominated, to wit: William H. Ellis, L. A. Thomas, N. Chandler, H. H. Dickinson, O. F. Smith, H. L. Miller, S. M. Shaddick. Rep. Ellis declined being considered a candidate. On the first and second ballots, no choice; on the third ballot, there were 33 votes polled, viz: for Rep. Lucius A. Thomas, 16; for Rep. Noah Chandler, 15; and one double vote, which was counted blank. The Chair decided that there was no choice. Hereupon an irregular discussion arose,—first, as to the propriety of calling the duplicate a blank, and next, as to the value of blank votes towards frustrating an election—pending which, Rep. Ellis offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter blanks shall not be counted in a ballot.

Rep. Heitmann objected to the resolution, as out of order,

there being before the Grand Lodge the special business of electing a Grand Warden. The Chair decided the resolution to be in order; from which decision Rep. Miller appealed, and the decision of the Chair was not sustained.

On the fourth ballot, Rep. Lucius A. Thomas was elected Grand Warden.

The Committee of Finance reported on bills referred to it as correct. On motion, the report was accepted, and the several bills, (with the exception of that of Messrs. Hitchcock & Stafford, which was laid on the table,) were ordered to be paid.

Rep. Dickinson, of No. 2, announced the death of his colleague, D. D. G. M. Joel Pratt, 3d; and accompanied the same with some pertinent remarks concerning the deceased brother.

P. G. M. Bradley offered a resolution raising a committee of three to draft resolutions on the announcement made by Rep. Dickinson, with instructions to report the same to-morrow morning: passed,—and Reps. Devotion, of No. 11, Seaman, of No. 9, and Thomas, of No. 1, appointed.

Resolution by G. Rep. Ellis, requiring the Grand Secretary hereafter to give receipts for all moneys paid him: passed.

The Grand Secretary tendered to the Grand Lodge the resignation of his office. Rep. Ambler moved to lay it on the table: not carried, and the resignation was then accepted.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of G. Sec. Heitmann. P. G. M. Charles W. Bradley was nominated thereto, elected and entered on the duties of his office.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, January 12th.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

The Grand Treasurer made report on the funds of the Grand Lodge, (cash on hand, \$446.25; Union School stock, \$300.00=\$746.25,) which was accepted.

The special committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing resolutions expressive of the bereavement felt by this Grand Lodge in the death of Brother Joel Pratt, 3d, D. D. G. M. of District No. 2, reported the following preamble and resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, it has pleased an All-wise Providence—in the justness of whose decrees we submissively acquiesce—to remove from this earthly lodge another beloved brother and fellow representative, therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of D. D. G. M. Joel Pratt, 3d, this Grand Lodge has sustained a loss of one of its most excellent and efficient members.

Resolved, That in his social relations he was eminently calculated to secure the esteem of all who knew him. Quiet and affectionate in disposition, and possessing more than an ordinary share of those qualities which most adorn a man, his eulogy can be best spoken by those whose daily intercourse with him made them best acquainted with his virtues.

Resolved, That we deeply sorrow for his loss, as a member of this body, as an Odd Fellow, and as a man; and that we sincerely sympathize with the family and friends of the deceased in the affliction.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions, signed by the Grand Secretary and sealed with the seal of the Grand Lodge, be forwarded to the family of our deceased brother, and to the subordinate lodge of which he was an ornament.

Bill of Messrs. Hitchcock & Stafford taken up. On motion of Rep. Miller, the account was again referred to the Committee of Finance, with instructions to settle it on the best terms which said committee may find practicable.

Resolution by Rep. Miller, raising a committee of two to contract for and superintend all necessary printing for the Grand Lodge during the current year: passed,—and G. Warden Thomas and G. Sec. Bradley appointed said committee.

Resolution by Rep. Miller, directing the R. W. Grand Treasurer to deposit all surplus funds belonging to the Grand Lodge in the New Haven Savings Bank, subject to the order of the said Treasurer, or any person or persons authorized by the Grand Lodge to receive the same: passed.

Resolution by Rep. Mowry, directing the G. Secretary to communicate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York the grateful sense of the courtesy of the said Grand Lodge of New York, in the passage of appropriate resolutions on the decease of the late M. W. Grand Master Hinman, of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut: passed.

Resolution by Rep. Booth, raising a committee of two to procure the books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge: passed,—and Reps. Hall and Chandler appointed.

The G. Secretary presented sundry letters and printed cir-

culars received at his office since the last session ; which, on motion, were referred to the Committee of Correspondence.

Resolution by Rep. Dickinson, raising a committee of three, with power to lease a hall for the sessions of this Grand Lodge : passed,—and Reps. Chandler, Thomas and Bradley appointed.

Report of the Committee of Correspondence accepted.

The G. Secretary read a communication from Onondaga Lodge, No. 79, of New York, annulling the card of *Israel C. Hasbrook*, for “conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow,”—a letter from the G. Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of South Carolina, containing preambles and resolutions adopted by that body, *de* Proxy Representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the “Covenant ;” elicited by certain resolutions passed by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut,—a circular from the G. Sec. of the Grand Lodge of the United States, *de* date of institution of Lodges and Encampments, and a circular from the same, *de* the “Covenant ;” all of which were ordered on file.

Report of the special committee on revision of the Constitution and By-Laws, taken up, and again laid upon the table.

Resolution by Rep. Seaman, that the G. Secretary be instructed to prepare a sufficient number of copies of the report of the committee on the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, in the form presented by said committee to the Grand Lodge, and that a copy of such report be sent to the representation of each of the various subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction ; “for which service he shall be entitled to receive a proper remuneration ;” passed.

Resolution by G. W. Thomas, “That the funeral badge of subordinate lodges in this state shall be a black sash, having painted or wrought in front, for the initiated members, three links of a chain in white ; for those who have attained to the Pink, Blue or Green Degrees, the same, wrought in the colour of the degree ; for Scarlet members, the same, with a bow and quiver suspended, in scarlet :—Past Grands the same as the Scarlet, surmounted by a five-pointed open star, with heart and hand in centre, in gilt.” Passed.

Resolution by D. G. M. Devotion, authorizing the G. Treasurer to loan the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, the sum of one hundred dollars, at the rate of six per cent. interest per annum : passed.

Report of the special committee appointed to procure the books and papers of the Grand Lodge : accepted.

Resolutions allowing Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, Uncas Lodge, No. 11, and Central Lodge, No. 12, to hold, each, a public celebration, in either of the months of May, June or July next: passed.

Resolution by Rep. Lawton, allowing mileage to the members of the Grand Lodge in their attendance upon its regular sessions: referred to the Committee of Finance, with instructions to report thereon at the annual session.

The Grand Master made the following appointments of District Deputies for the term ending April 11, 1844, viz:

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| For District No. 1, | P. G. CLARK BEACH, |
| " " No. 2, | " ROLAND A. ROBBINS, |
| " " No. 3, | " RICHARD S. PRATT, |
| " " No. 4, | " WILLIAM L. WATSON, |
| " " No. 6, | " S. A. HURLBUT, |
| " " No. 7, | " ORRIN F. SMITH, |
| " " No. 8, | " CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, |
| " " No. 10, | " STEPHEN M. SHADDICK. |

Agreeably to the requisitions of Article V, Section 3, the Grand Master assigned the following limits for the several districts, to wit:

District No. 1.—To include the towns of NEW HAVEN, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Hamden, Wallingford, Cheshire and Meriden, in New Haven county. [Population,* 6,228.

District No. 2.—The entire County of Hartford. [Pop. 11,049.

District No. 3.—EAST HADDAM, Haddam, Chester, Clinton, Killingworth, Saybrook and Westbrook, in Middlesex County. [Pop. 2,366.

District No. 4.—BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield, Stratford, Huntington, Trumbull, Westport, Redding and Weston, in Fairfield County. [Pop. 4,062.

District No. 5.—DERBY, Bethany, Middlebury, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Wolcott and Woodbridge, in New Haven County. [Pop. 3,381.

District No. 6.—DANBURY, Newtown, Brookfield, Sherman, Ridgefield, Monroe and New Fairfield, in Fairfield County. [Pop. 2,641.

District No. 7.—NEW LONDON, North Stonington, Stoning-

* The aggregate population of each district is drawn from the census of 1840, and includes only the white male inhabitants between the ages of 20 and 50 years, residing within said district.
C. W. B.

ton, Waterford, Lyme, Groton, Salem and East Lyme, in New London County. [Pop. 4,316.

District No. 8.—NORWALK, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Wilton and Greenwich, in Fairfield County. [Pop. 3,032.

District No. 9.—NORWICH, Preston, Montville, Ledyard, Lebanon, Colchester, Lisbon, Griswold, Franklin and Bozrah, in New London County. [Pop. 4,093.

District No. 10.—MIDDLETOWN, Chatham, Durham and Portland, in Middlesex County. [Pop. 2,137.

Resolution by Rep. Heitmann, raising a committee of three to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument to the memory of the late M. W. Grand Master Hinman, and to report on the same at the next annual session of the Grand Lodge: passed,—and Reps. Heitmann, Ellis and Gates appointed.

The committee appointed at the special session, held Nov. 13th, 1843, to procure a member of the Grand Lodge to pronounce a eulogy before the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, on the life, character and services of the late lamented Grand Master, reported progress and asked to be continued: report accepted and committee continued.

Resolution by D. Grand Master Devotion, ordering the journal of proceedings since the last annual session to be printed under the direction of the Committee on Printing, and to be distributed by the G. Secretary: passed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

CHARLES WM. BRADLEY, *Grand Secretary*.

SPECIAL SESSION.

SAME DAY, 12 o'clock M.

Upon the call of the M. W. Grand Master, a special session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, was holden immediately after the close of the semi-annual session, for the purpose of installing the officers elect.

P. G. M. Bradley in the chair.

Rep. Hall, as G. Marshal *pro tem.*, successively presented Rep. Sheldon Bassett, Most Worthy Grand Master elect,—Rep. John L. Devotion, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master

elect,—and Rep. Lucius A. Thomas, Right Worthy Grand Warden elect, who were duly installed in ancient and ample form.

Grand Master Bassett in the chair.

The G. Marshal presented Rep. Bradley, Grand Secretary elect, who was thereupon duly installed in his office.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and closed in ample form.

Attest,

CHARLES WM. BRADLEY, *Grand Secretary.*

OFFICERS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, until July 11, 1844.

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| M. W. SHELDON BASSETT, | of No. 6, <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | " " 11, <i>D. Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, | " " 1, <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | " " 3, <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | " " 1, <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. PORTER H. SNOW, | " " 3, <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> |
| R. W. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, | " " 1, } <i>G. Representatives,</i> |
| R. W. JOHN C. PALMER, | " " 3, } |
| W. ROBERT H. STARR, | " " 5, <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. ISAAC JUDSON, | " " 1, <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |
| W. ELIPHALET B. STEVENS, | " 4, <i>Grand Guardian.</i> |

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Election and Returns.—P. G. Masters BRADLEY, of No. 3, GILMAN, of No. 2, Rep. ANTHONY, of No. 5.

Finance.—G. Rep. ELLIS, of No. 1, Reps. HOLLIS, of No. 5, GOODWIN, of No. 1.

Correspondence.—Reps. GATES, of No. 6, THOMAS, of No. 1, SHULTAS, of No. 2.

Grievances.—P. G. Master CROSWELL, of No. 1, G. Rep. PALMER, of No. 3, Reps. WILSON, of No. 4, CHANDLER, of No. 5, WOOD, of No. 6, HURLBUT, of No. 7, RICH, of No. 9, SMITH, of No. 10, D. G. Master DEVOTION, of No. 11.

Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from June to September, 1843.

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No. initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Rejected. | Withd. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Reinstated. | Deceased. | Number of degrees conferred. | | | | | Whole No. in membership. | Amount of receipts. | Dues to G. L. |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| | | | | | | | | | White. | Pink. | Blue. | Green. | Scarlet. | | | |
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 28 | 0 | 0 | 2 | *5 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 366 | \$608.38 | \$28.00 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 22 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 171 | 186.00 | 22.00 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 41.76 | 1.00 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | *2 | +3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 107 | 96.81 | 2.00 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | *6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 167 | 327.20 | 25.00 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | *1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 42 | 50.00 | 1.00 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 14 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | +1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 100 | 201.00 | 14.00 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 27 | 66.00 | 3.00 |
| THAMES, 9, | 11 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 12 | 12 | 115 | 238.14 | 11.00 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 11 | 59 | 149.00 | 6.00 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 18 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 17 | 112 | 311.29 | 18.00 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 31 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 36 | 245.62 | 31.00 |
| Total, | 162 | 6 | 17 | 4 | 14 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 106 | 97 | 94 | 87 | 87 | 1362 | 2521.20 | 162.00 |

* For non-payment of dues.

† James Sackett and Aaron Shute, for non-payment of dues; Wooster Curtis, for violating laws of the state and of the lodge.

‡ William Gage, for falsehood and breach of trust.

Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from September to December, 1843.

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Rejected. | Withd. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Reinstated. | Deceased. | Number of degrees conferred. | | | | | Whole number in membership. | Amount of receipts. | Dues to G. Lodge. |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| | | | | | | | | | White. | Pink. | Blue. | Green. | Scarlet. | | | |
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 19 | 0 | 5 | 1 | *1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 383 | \$596.54 | \$19.00 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 16 | 0 | 2 | 1 | *16 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 10 | 11 | 169 | 154.00 | 16.00 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 54.45 | 3.00 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 109 | 108.96 | 2.00 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 17 | 1 | 2 | 1 | *7 | +1 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 185 | 360.62 | 14.00 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 46 | 71.00 | 4.00 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 18 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 117 | 332.50 | 18.00 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 34 | 108.00 | 8.00 |
| THAMES, 9, | 11 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 19 | 126 | 241.00 | 11.00 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | *1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 66 | 121.00 | 8.00 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 28 | 28 | 27 | 27 | 145 | 564.47 | 34.00 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 9 | 9 | 45 | 142.06 | 9.00 |
| Total, | 149 | 1 | 15 | 6 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 123 | 122 | 123 | 109 | 110 | 1488 | 2854.60 | 146.00 |

* For non-payment of dues.

† John Taylor, for intemperance.

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
NEW HAVEN, March 30th, 1844. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge convened in special session this day, at 4 o'clock P. M., in obedience to a requisition of the M. W. Grand Master.

PRESENT :

R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, of No. 1, *Grand Warden, in the Chair*,
R. W. C. W. BRADLEY, " " 3, *Grand Secretary*,
P. G. A. C. HEITMANN, " " 1,
P. G. NEWELL C. HALL, " " 1,
P. G. THOMAS C. HOLLIS, " " 5,
P. G. JOHN C. HAYDEN, " " 5.

The Grand Lodge was opened in form.

The Chair stated the business for the transaction of which the session was called : whereupon, the Grand Secretary submitted the following memorial for the action of the Grand Lodge :—

To the Honourable General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, to be holden in New Haven, in said State, on the first Wednesday in May, A. D. 1844:—

The petition of the undersigned, citizens of said state, respectfully represents :—That there is established within this Commonwealth an institution known under the name of the "*Independent Order of Odd Fellows*," consisting of a Grand Lodge and thirteen subordinate lodges, numbering in all nearly two thousand members : That said institution has for its object the cultivation of the social and moral virtues, and the raising of a fund for the relief of its sick and destitute members, their widows and orphans : That no extra-judicial oaths or affirmations are required to be taken as a condition of membership : That no political nor religious discussions are tolerated by said institution in the meetings of its members ; and that no member is placed under any obligation to protect or sustain a fellow-member in any unlawful acts, but on the contrary is bound, under such circumstances, to expose him : That said Grand Lodge is located in New Haven, in said state, and has funds and personal and real estate valued at one thousand dollars, and that it is now without any provision by law by which it can legally hold, aliene or protect said property from trespass or from any depredation which the evil-disposed may choose to commit.

Your petitioners would therefore pray that an act of incorporation may be granted to the said Grand Lodge, with such provisions that the foregoing object may be attained : and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at NEW HAVEN, this 30th day of March, A. D. 1844.

Memorial adopted.

The following resolutions, as suitable to be adopted by the subordinate lodges of Connecticut, were read and approved, viz :—

At a meeting of Lodge, No. I. O. O. F., held in on
the day of April, 1844, the following resolutions were, passed
unanimously, viz :—

Resolved, That the undersigned, citizens of this state and members of said Lodge, cordially approve of the foregoing memorial and petition, and unite in soliciting the Honourable General Assembly that the prayer thereof may be granted.

Resolved, That the Secretary of our said lodge be directed to furnish an attested copy of these resolutions, together with a transcript of our roll of members.

Attest,

Secretary.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the foregoing memorial and resolutions to each subordinate under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolution authorizing the printing of twenty-five copies of the memorial and resolutions aforesaid : passed.

On motion, adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

CHARLES WM. BRADLEY, *Grand Secretary.*

SPECIAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
NEW HAVEN, July 11, 1844, 2 o'clock P. M. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to a call from the R. W. Grand Master, for the purpose of considering the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, reported by a committee at the last semi-annual session.

PRESENT :

M. W. SHELDON BASSETT, *Grand Master*,
R. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, *Deputy Grand Master*,
R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Warden*,
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer* ;

and a representation from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, Charter Oak, No. 2, Harmony, No. 5, Ousatonic, No. 6, Samaritan,

No. 7, Mercantile, No. 8, Thames, No. 9, Uncas, No. 11, and Central, No. 12.

The Lodge was opened in ample form.

In the absence of the Grand Secretary, Rep. Heitmann was appointed Grand Secretary, *pro tem*.

The Grand Master stated the purpose of the session, and called for the opinions of the representatives.

In the absence of the chairman of the committee for revising the Constitution and By-Laws, G. W. Thomas was appointed.

After some discussion, on motion of G. W. Thomas, the Grand Lodge took a recess till 5 o'clock.

5 o'clock P. M.

At 5 o'clock the Grand Lodge convened, and went into committee of the whole on the Constitution and By-Laws.

The Constitution was taken up by Articles.

Article I. was considered.

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 2 was amended by striking out the word "exclusive" in the first line, and in the fourth line by striking out the words "the order in," and substituting, "subordinate lodges within."

The article as amended was adopted.

Article II. was taken up.

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 3 was amended by striking out all after the word "present," in third line.

On motion of D. G. M. Devotion, Sec. 4 was amended by substituting former certificate.

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 5 was amended by striking out "to the Grand Lodge, and by it," and substituting, "and referred to the Committee on Elections, and if the committee sustain the objections, or on vote the Grand Lodge sustain them, they shall be."

The article as amended was adopted.

Article III. was taken up.

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 5 was amended by adding after "Lodge," in the 9th line, "He shall transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, immediately on the institution of a subordinate lodge, the name, number, date of charter or dispensation, and the location of the lodge; and also the same information on the suspension or expulsion of a lodge."

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 5 was further amended by striking out the words in the ninth line, "he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Grand Lodge may direct."

On motion of D. G. M. Devotion, Sec. 6 was amended by striking out in third line, the words "under the seal of the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 7 was amended by substituting the word "substitute" for "proxy" in fourth and seventh lines.

On motion of Rep. Demick, Sec. 12 was amended by adding at end of line ninth, "shall keep a record of their official acts, and deliver the same to their successor in office, and".

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 14 was amended by striking out all after "Sec. 14," and substituting, "No one shall be eligible for any Grand office unless he be a regular representative in the Grand Lodge; nor for Grand Representative, unless he has received the side degrees, and has attained to the R. P. degree."

The article as amended was adopted.

Article IV. was taken up.

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 1 was amended by adding, "5th. Committee on Stationery and Printing."

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 3 was amended by substituting "five" for "three," in second line.

On motion of Rep. Heitmann, Sec. 3 was further amended by striking out in second line, "(of whom one at least shall be a Past Grand Master.)"

On motion of Rep. Vibbert, Sec. 5 was amended by adding the word "represented" after "lodge," in the second line.

On motion of Rep. Miller, a new section was added, viz: "Sec. 6. The Committee on Stationery and Printing shall consist of two members, who, with the Grand Secretary, shall contract for and superintend all printing ordered by the Grand Lodge, and procure stationery for the same."

The article as amended was then adopted.

Article V. was taken up and adopted without amendment.

Article VI. was then taken up.

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 3 was amended by striking out all after the words "acted on," in third line, and substituting, "new members may be admitted, and any other business transacted proper to come before the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Heitmann, Sec. 6 was amended by adding at end of last line, "And each representative shall vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge."

On motion of Rep. Miller, Sec. 7 was amended by striking out all after "Sec. 7," and substituting, "The representation of each subordinate lodge which has been duly reported to the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote ; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately. The ayes and noes shall always be recorded when the vote is taken by representations."

The article was then adopted as amended.

Article VII. was taken up.

On motion of G. W. Thomas, Sec. 1 was amended by adding after the word "Lectures," in fifth line, "Books of Installation."

The article was adopted as amended.

Articles VIII. and IX. were adopted without amendment.

The committee then rose and reported progress, and the Grand Lodge adjourned.

Attest,

ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
NEW HAVEN, THURSDAY, July 11, 1844. }

This being the day required by the Constitution for the annual session, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened at the Hall of Harmony Lodge, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

M. W. SHELDON BASSETT, *Grand Master,*
R. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, *Deputy Grand Master,*
R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Warden,*
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, *Grand Treasurer,*
R. W. WILLIAM H. ELLIS, *Grand Representative,*
W. ISAAC JUDSON, *Grand Conductor.*

In the absence of the Grand Secretary, the Chair appointed G. W. Thomas, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

In the absence of all the members of the Committee on Elections and Returns, the Chair appointed D. G. M. Devotion, Rep. Heitmann and G. W. Thomas, *pro tem.* on that committee.

The Committee on Elections and Returns reported that the certificates in due form had been received of the election of the following members as representatives for the ensuing year, who were present, viz: from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1.—F. Croswell, S. Bishop, Wm. E. Vibbert, T. J. Stafford, A. C. Heitmann, J. B. Bowditch, Isaac Judson, P. Demick, Charles Ball, N. C. Hall.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2.—J. B. Gilman, Guy R. Phelps, J. W. Johnson.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5.—N. Chandler, J. C. Hayden, T. C. Hollis, Stephen Lawton.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6.—Simon Tomlinson, J. Kneringer.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7.—S. A. Hurlbut, W. W. Bedient.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8.—H. L. Miller.

Thames Lodge, No. 9.—A. S. Wightman, O. F. Smith.

Central Lodge, No. 12.—E. H. Booth.

Report accepted.

The same committee reported further, that certificates of election had been received of the following Past Grands, as representatives, who were in waiting to be instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, viz: from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1.—Ralph Warren, Alexander O. Coburn.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2.—H. Hastings.

Pequanock Lodge, No. 4.—Edward Hamilton, Wm. S. Atkinson.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5.—John A. Parmelee, A. L. Brown.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6.—Lewis Hotchkiss, Horatio N. Hawkins, Ely Burritt, Sydney Alling.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7.—J. Greenwood, Jr.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8.—Ezra Clark, Jr., A. M. Gordon.

Thames Lodge, No. 9.—Charles E. Hewitt, Henry Champlain.

Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10.—Asa Hill, R. S. Bucknam.

Uncas Lodge, No. 11.—Charles A. Converse.

Central Lodge, No. 12.—Origen Uley.

Charity Lodge, No. 13.—Wm. Meeker.

Report accepted.

Whereupon, the above named Past Grands were introduced by the Grand Conductor, were instructed in the Grand Lodge degree by the Grand Warden, and took their seats as representatives.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last regular session was dispensed with. Minutes of special sessions read and approved.

The Grand Master submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Connecticut :

BROTHERS—We have again assembled together, being the fourth annual session, to transact the necessary business committed to our charge, and to fill the several offices which are about to become vacant in this Grand Lodge.

In compliance with former customs, I herewith submit to your R. W. body a summary of my official doings since the semi-annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, in January last.

Soon after the adjournment of that session, I caused to be forwarded to each of the D. D. Grand Masters under this jurisdiction, certificates of their appointment, and at the expiration of the quarter renewed the appointments by new certificates.

On the 4th day of March, and also on the 3d day of June, I installed the officers of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, in ample form. I have also conferred the Past V. G. and Past N. G. degree on Bro. H. N. Hawkins and Bro. Lewis Hotchkiss, the Past N. G. degree on Bro. Ely Burritt, and the Past Secretary degree on Bro. James Kneringer and Bro. Simon Tomlinson.

On the second day of March, I received through the hands of our R. W. Grand Secretary, an application for a new lodge, to be located at Lower Mystic, town of Stonington and county of New London, to be known and hailed as "CHARITY LODGE, No. 13, I. O. O. F." I accordingly issued a dispensation, subject to your approval, and vested P. G. M. CHARLES W. BRADLEY with power and authority to open and constitute the same.

In the month of May, I received an application for another lodge, to be located in the town of Milford, in New Haven county. I issued a dispensation, and on the 19th day of June, accompanied by a number of brothers from Quinnipiac, No. 1, Harmony, No. 5, and Ousatonic, No. 6, I proceeded to institute the same, under the title of "WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14, I. O. O. F." and installed the following officers, to wit :—BENJAMIN P. BUSH, N. G., JOHN N. BUCKINGHAM, V. G., RALPH H. AUGER, Secretary, and WILLIAM BUSH, Treasurer. Five others were initiated at the same time. The time of meeting of this lodge is Wednesday evening. On the 25th day of June, I again visited Milford, and conferred the five degrees on the last initiated brothers. And I take pleasure in saying, from the character of her members, the zeal displayed, the harmony and good feeling prevailing amongst them, that Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, promises to become an important and useful branch of the Order in this state.

I received a communication from the N. G. of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, dated June 6th, 1844, informing me that the office of D. D. Grand Master in that district had become vacant by the removal from the state and withdrawal by card from that lodge, of Brother R. A. Robbins, late D. D. G. M. And in accordance with the powers in

me vested, I immediately forwarded a commission for the appointment of another to fill the office during the remainder of the term, leaving a blank for the name,—my acquaintance being somewhat limited among the brothers there, and believing them better qualified to judge who would best subserve their interests.

My business has been of such a nature as to debar me from the pleasure of visiting in person any of the lodges in the state, excepting the one of which I am a member, and Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, of Danbury, where I was present, by a special invitation, to participate in celebrating the second anniversary of said lodge, on the 23d day of May last. And I should do injustice to my own feelings, did I not express my grateful acknowledgments to D. D. G. M. HURLBUT, and to the other worthy officers and brothers from whom I received so much kindness and attention during my short stay with them. The brothers composing this lodge are not excelled in point of respectability by any lodge in the state, and are fast increasing in numbers.

It has been my design to call your attention to some resolutions which were submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session, some of which will again be brought up at its session in September next, with my views on the same, for your consideration. But, if I am correctly informed, but one copy of the proceedings of that body has been received in this state, and that came into my hands but within a few days; since which, I have had no time for giving it an examination, and can only refer you to that document, which is now in this Grand Lodge.

On retiring from the honourable station to which you have been pleased to elevate me, permit me to return you my sincere and grateful thanks for the kind indulgence I have received at your hands.

Yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

SHELDON BASSETT, *Grand Master.*

Report accepted.

The Grand Master also submitted the following report of P. G. Master Bradley :

To Sheldon Bassett, Esq., M. W. Grand Master of R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

Under the authority of your warrant, issued March 9th, 1844, empowering me as special deputy to perform the service therein required, having duly discharged the trust imposed by that instrument, I beg leave respectfully to Report :

That on the 11th day of April, 1844, I proceeded to the village of Lower Mystic, town of Stonington and county of New London, where, with the assistance of the R. W. D. G. M. John L. Devotion, W. D. D. G. M. Orrin F. Smith, and thirty-five brothers from lodges No. 9 and No. 11, I instituted CHARITY LODGE, No. 13, I. O. O. F., installed its officers and delivered the Charges and Lectures necessary for its complete organization.

Great credit is due to the brothers who have thus established another fraternity of our benevolent Order at much labor and expense, in a region where, from the sparseness of its population, neither a large nor a rapid increase can be expected. There is, however, every encouragement to believe, that the accession of such as shall become pillars and ornaments of the Order will be large enough to give efficiency and interest to the institution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. BRADLEY, *Past Grand Master.*

Report accepted.

The Grand Master also submitted the reports of the Deputy Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Masters of their official acts in their respective districts.

Reports accepted.

D. G. Master Devotion presented the appeal of Edward F. Balcam from the decision of Uncas Lodge, No. 11; and on motion the same was referred to a special committee of two, consisting of Reps. Wightman, of No. 9, and Booth, of No. 12.

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the subject of allowing mileage to members of the Grand Lodge residing out of New Haven, reported, recommending the adoption of By-Law 5th, as reported by Committee on Revising Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

Report accepted.

P. G. M. Croswell presented an appeal from P. G. John G. Hotchkiss, against the decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, which was referred to a special committee of three, consisting of Reps. Smith, of No. 9, Hurlbut, of No. 7, and Hawkins, of No. 6.

The following bills were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee of Finance, viz: from

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| C.W. Bradley, for salary and expense of G. Sec. | \$27.58 |
| Sheldon Bassett, expenses as Grand Master, | 4.50 |
| John L. Devotion, expenses as D. G. Master, | 8.00 |
| S. Cleeton, attending and lighting room for G. L. | 1.62 |
| Hitchcock & Stafford, for printing, | 30.24 |

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the nomination for Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Whereupon, the following nominations were made, viz:

For Grand Master, D. G. M. John L. Devotion, of No. 11, Rep. William H. Ellis, of No. 1.

For Deputy Grand Master, G. W. L. A. Thomas, of No. 1, Reps. H. L. Miller, of No. 8, O. F. Smith, of No. 9.

For Grand Warden, Reps. A. C. Heitmann, of No. 1, E. H.

Booth, of No. 12, Prelate Demick, of No. 1, A. M. Gordon, of No. 8, S. A. Hurlbut, of No. 7, Isaac Judson, of No. 1.

For Grand Secretary, P. G. M. Charles W. Bradley, of No. 3, Rep. Origen Utley, of No. 12.

For Grand Treasurer, Rep. Samuel Bishop, of No. 1.

For Grand Chaplain, Reps. J. L. Ambler, of No. 7, J. Moore, of No. 2.

For Grand Representatives, P. G. Masters F. Crosswell, of No. 1, J. B. Gilman, of No. 2, S. Bassett, of No. 6.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Officers. The Grand Master appointed Reps. A. C. Heitmann, of No. 1, and S. A. Hurlbut, of No. 7, tellers.

The representatives having deposited their ballots for Grand Master, they were counted by the tellers, when it appeared that D. G. Master John L. Devotion, of No. 11, had received a majority of the votes polled. Whereupon, he was declared duly elected Grand Master for the year ensuing.

The representatives having deposited their ballots for Deputy Grand Master, they were counted by the tellers. On the first ballot there was no choice. On the second ballot, Rep. H. L. Miller, of No. 8, was elected Deputy Grand Master, and so declared.

A ballot was then taken for Grand Warden, when it appeared that Rep. Prelate Demick, of No. 1, had received a majority of votes, and was declared to be elected Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for Grand Secretary, and elected P. G. M. Charles W. Bradley, Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge then balloted for Grand Treasurer, and elected Rep. Samuel Bishop, Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge then balloted for Grand Chaplain, and elected P. G. John Moore, Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, the election of Grand Representatives was postponed till after the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution.

The Grand Lodge then resumed the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, at Art. 1 of By-Laws, where left by special session.

On motion of Rep. Heitmann, Art. 1 was amended by striking out in third line, "day to day," and inserting "time to time."

Articles 2 and 3 were adopted without amendment.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, Art. 4 was amended by striking out all after the word "prayer."

On motion of Rep. Miller, Art. 5 was amended by striking out the whole article, and substituting the following:

"Art. 5. The necessary expenses for travel and attendance on the Grand Lodge shall be allowed to all the Grand Officers and three representatives from each subordinate lodge, at each annual meeting, and one at each semi-annual meeting, provided they reside out of the city of New Haven, as follows: from Hartford, \$3; East Haddam, \$4.50; Bridgeport, \$2.50; Derby, \$1; Danbury, \$4; New London, \$6.50; Norwalk, \$4; Norwich, \$7; Middletown, \$3; Stonington, \$7.50; Milford, \$1; which shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge; subject to the provisions of Art. IV. Sec. 4 of the Constitution, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon."

Art. 6 was adopted without amendment.

The Grand Lodge then adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

July 12, 1844.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present, the officers and representatives.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the installation of officers.

The officers elect, except the Grand Secretary, were presented by the Grand Marshal, and installed in ample form.

On motion of G. Master Devotion, the vote referring the appeal of Edward F. Balcum to a special committee, was reconsidered, and the appeal referred to the Committee on Grievances.

On motion of D. G. M. Miller, the Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the By-Laws, at Art. 7.

Articles 7 and 8 were adopted without amendment.

On motion of Rep. Heitmann, Art. 9 was amended by adding at end of last line, "Except when a lodge shall number three hundred members or more in regular standing; when, upon application of such lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant leave for the equal division of the members of such lodge, and the funds thereof, under such restrictions as the Grand Lodge may deem proper."

Article 10 was adopted without amendment.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, Article 11 was amended by adding after "Deputy Grand Master," "Grand Warden or District Deputy Grand Master."

The remaining Articles from 12 to 22 inclusive were adopted without amendment.

D. G. M. Miller then moved that the Constitution as amended be adopted as the Constitution of this Grand Lodge. Which was decided in the affirmative by a constitutional majority.

D. G. M. Miller then moved that the By-Laws as amended be adopted as the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge. When, on voting, there appeared 13 yeas to 11 nays—not a constitutional majority; so the motion was lost.

Rep. Converse moved that Art. 5 be amended by adopting it as originally reported, substituting the words "all the Grand Officers," in place of the "Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Representatives," which was carried in the affirmative.

Rep. Converse then moved that the By-Laws as amended be now adopted; which was carried unanimously in the affirmative.

The following amendment to Article VI. Sec. 7 of the Constitution, was offered by Reps. Thomas, of No. 1, and Hollis, of No. 5, which was laid on the table, according to the requisitions of the Constitution, for action at the next session, viz: to strike out the whole section and substitute the following:

"Sec. 7. The representations of each lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Session, *fifty members* or less, in full membership, shall be entitled to *one vote*, and of each which has reported a greater number, shall be entitled to *one additional vote* for every fifty members; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately. The yeas and nays shall always be recorded when the vote is taken by representations."

P. G. M. Bassett presented the report of Grand Secretary Bradley, who was appointed to apply for an act of incorporation from the General Assembly, stating that the application had been continued to the next session.

Report accepted.

Uncas Lodge, No. 11, applied for permission to hold a public procession in August, September or October. Granted.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, applied for permission to hold a public procession in September or October. Granted.

The committee appointed at the semi-annual session to take

into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument to the late M. W. Grand Master ROBINSON S. HINMAN, reported in favor of an appropriation by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, and submitted three drafts for monuments, one at \$75, one at \$125, and one at \$145. Report accepted.

D. G. M. Miller offered a resolution, that a committee be appointed to erect one at an expense not exceeding \$75 ; which was not concurred in.

Rep. Thomas moved that this Grand Lodge purchase twenty copies of the "Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of United States," and present one to each subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction ; which was concurred in.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments, which were approved by the Grand Lodge.

W. CHARLES A. CONVERSE, of No. 11, *Grand Marshal*,
W. S. A. HURLBUT, of No. 7, *Grand Conductor*,
W. J. W. JOHNSON, of No. 2, *Grand Guardian*.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. J. B. GILMAN, of No. 2 ; CHARLES A. CONVERSE and J. B. MOWERY, of No. 11 ; ORIGEN UTLEY, of No. 12 ; O. F. SMITH, of No. 9.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. F. CROSWELL, of No. 1 ; T. C. HOLLIS, of No. 5 ; A. S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9.

Committee on Grievances.—Reps. CHARLES BALL, of No. 1 ; G. R. PHELPS, of No. 2 ; W. L. WATSON, of No. 4 ; J. A. PARMELEE, of No. 5 ; SHELDON BASSETT, of No. 6 ; S. A. HURLBUT, of No. 7 ; H. L. MILLER, of No. 8 ; A. S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9 ; R. S. BUCKNAM, of No. 10 ; E. W. ELLIS, of No. 11 ; E. H. BOOTH, of No. 12 ; WM. MEEKER, of No. 13.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.—Reps. L. A. THOMAS, of No. 1 ; J. B. GILMAN, of No. 2.

In conformity with the provisions of Art. III. Sec. 2, the Grand Master assigned the following limits for the several Districts, to wit :

District No. 1.—To include the towns of NEW HAVEN, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Hamden, Wallingford and Cheshire.

District No. 2.—The entire county of Hartford, except Berlin.

District No. 3.—EAST HADDAM, Haddam, Cheshire, Clinton, Killingworth, Saybrook and Westbrook.

District No. 4.—BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Westport, Redding and Weston.

District No. 5.—DERBY, Bethany, Huntington, Middlebury, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Wolcott and Woodbridge.

District No. 6.—DANBURY, NEWTOWN, Brookfield, Sherman, Ridgefield, Monroe and New Fairfield.

District No. 7.—NEW LONDON, Waterford, Lyme, East Lyme, part of Groton, (within a line three miles from Thames river,) Ledyard, Montville, Salem.

District No. 8.—NORWALK, Stamford, Danien, New Canaan, Wilton and Greenwich.

District No. 9.—Windham county and the towns of NORWICH, Preston, Lebanon, Colchester, Lisbon, Griswold, Franklin and Bozrah.

District No. 10.—MIDDLETOWN, Chatham, Durham, Portland, Berlin and Meriden.

District No. 11.—Stonington, North Stonington, and such part of the town of Groton as lies three miles from the river Thames.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for Grand Representatives.

On the first ballot, P. G. M. Frederick Croswell, of No. 1, was elected Grand Representative to serve for two years.

On the second ballot, P. G. M. James B. Gilman, of No. 2, was elected Grand Representative to serve for one year.

P. G. M. Gilman offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, in initiating brothers S. M. Shaddick, E. H. Booth, T. Sage, C. H. Mather and O. Utley, of Middletown, was not in violation either of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the state of Connecticut, nor in violation of the rights of Middlesex Lodge, No. 3 : but was in conformity with the usages and customs of the Order, and in accordance with the rights of said Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, as subsequently established by a vote of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their annual session in 1843.

Rep. Thomas moved that the resolution be spread on the records, and laid on the table until next session, no representative from Middlesex Lodge, No. 3, being present.

Motion lost, and resolution adopted.

Rep. Johnson, of No. 2, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and hereby tendered to the last past officers of this Grand Lodge, for the able and efficient manner in which they have performed their several duties during the year past.

Rep. Converse, of No. 11, offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay Uncas Lodge, No. 11, the sum of two dollars ; this amount

having been paid through mistake at the last session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, the Committee on the State of the Order were directed to revise the Constitution of subordinates, and to render them in conformity with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. John G. Hotchkiss, from the decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, submitted the following report, which was accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

X The Special Committee to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. John G. Hotchkiss, from a decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, beg leave to Report : That in the discharge of their duty, they have carefully considered said appeal, and believe that brother Hotchkiss was entitled to the twenty-five weeks' benefit which he claimed of said Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1. The committee could not believe that a member who had (by the admission of the lodge) \$84 due him, in their hands, could be fairly considered as in arrears to the lodge.

S. A. HURLBUT,
HORATIO N. HAWKINS, } Committee.
ORRIN F. SMITH,

NEW HAVEN, July 12th, 1844.

Rep. Thomas offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

X *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, P. G. Hotchkiss could not be considered in arrears while the lodge was owing him for a benefit ; and that Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, be directed to pay the amount claimed by brother Hotchkiss, viz : 25 weeks.*

On motion of Rep. Utley, the appeal of Bro. E. F. Balcam was continued to the next session, and the Grand Secretary directed to give him notice of the same.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, the Printing Committee were directed to have printed the usual number of copies of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, since the last semi-annual session, together with the Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, as adopted at this session, and the Constitution of subordinate lodges, as revised by the Committee on the State of the Order.

G. Marshal Converse offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

* The decision in this case, establishes the rule that a brother does not lose his benefit on account of non-payment of dues falling due while he is sick.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Stationery be authorized to procure an engraved plate or lithograph of a Visiting Card, copies of which shall be distributed by the Grand Secretary, free of charge, to the subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.*

Finance Committee reported the bills referred to them correct, and they were ordered paid.

Rep. Ellis moved to amend the proceedings of last session, by striking out the word "*present*," on page 147, ninth line from the bottom. Carried.†

On motion of Rep. Thomas, the Grand Secretary was directed to procure twelve copies each of the Charge, Lecture and Installation Books.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to forward to each State Grand Lodge, a copy of the Proceedings and Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of subordinates, and to request them to send theirs in return.

On motion, the Committee on Finance were directed to examine the bills for traveling expenses of officers and members residing out of the city of New Haven. Whereupon, they reported the following bills as correct, and they were ordered paid.

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| J. W. Johnson, as Representative of No. 2, | - - - - - | \$5.00 |
| J. Kneringer, | " 6, - - - - - | 3.00 |
| J. Greenwood, Jr. | " 7, - - - - - | 6.00 |
| A. M. Gordon, | " 8, - - - - - | 5.00 |
| O. F. Smith, | " 9, - - - - - | 8.00 |
| R. S. Bucknam, | " 10, - - - - - | 5.50 |
| C. A. Converse, | " 11, - - - - - | 9.00 |
| Origen Utley, | " 12, - - - - - | 5.00 |
| Wm. Meeker, | " 13, - - - - - | 9.00 |
| C. A. Converse, for amount overpaid by No. 11, | - - - - - | 2.00 |
| J. B. Gilman, expenses this session as G. Rep. | - - - - - | 5.00 |

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Secretary*, pro tem.

* The G. L. of the United States having, at its Annual Communication, in Sept. 1844, set forth and published Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, and enjoined the exclusive use of the same among all subordinates under its jurisdiction,—the Printing Committee did not procure such cards, authorized in the resolution.

† Corrected in the present edition. See page, 101.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICERS FOR 1844-5.

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| M. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. H. L. MILLER, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | } <i>Grand Representatives,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, | |
| W. JOHN MOORE, | <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> |
| W. CHARLES A. CONVERSE, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. S. A. HURLBUT, | <i>Grand Conductor,</i> |
| W. J. W. JOHNSON, | <i>Grand Guardian.</i> |

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FREDERICK CROSWELL, CHARLES W. BRADLEY,
JAMES B. GILMAN, SHELDON BASSETT.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| District No. 1, New Haven, | <i>G. Warden's residence.</i> |
| " No. 2, Hartford, | JOHN W. JOHNSON. |
| " No. 3, East Haddam, | LUTHER BOARDMAN. |
| " No. 4, Bridgeport, | GEORGE WALTER. |
| " No. 5, Derby and Milford, | JAMES KNERINGER. |
| " No. 6, Danbury, | JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr. |
| " No. 7, New London, | C. E. HEWITT. |
| " No. 8, Norwalk, | ASA HILL. |
| " No. 9, Norwich, | <i>G. Master's residence.</i> |
| " No. 10, Middletown, | E. H. BOOTH. |
| " No. 11, Stonington, | WILLIAM MEEKER. |

Committee on the State of the Order.

JAMES B. GILMAN, CHARLES A. CONVERSE, JAMES D. MOWRY,
ORIGEN UTLEY, O. F. SMITH.

Committee on Finance.

FREDERICK CROSWELL, THOMAS C. HOLLIS, A. S. WIGHTMAN.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.

LUCIUS A. THOMAS, JAMES B. GILMAN.

Committee on Grievances.

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| CHARLES BALL, No. 1, | H. L. MILLER, No. 8, |
| G. R. PHELPS, No. 2, | A. S. WIGHTMAN, No. 9, |
| W. L. WATSON, No. 4, | R. S. BUCKNAM, No. 10, |
| J. A. PARMELEE, No. 5, | E. W. EELLS, No. 11, |
| SHELDON BASSETT, No. 6, | E. H. BOOTH, No. 12, |
| S. A. HURLBUT, No. 7, | WM. MEEKER, No. 13. |

MEMBERS.

| Time of Admission. | | Time of Admission. | |
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| 1840—Nov. 24. | Fred. Crosswell, No. 1. | 1843—July 13. | W. W. Bedient, No. 7. |
| | Samuel Bishop, No. 1. | | A. S. Wightman, No. 9. |
| | W. E. Vibbert, No. 1. | | A. E. Smith, No. 10. |
| | J. B. Gilman, No. 2. | | J. L. Devotion, No. 11. |
| | John C. Palmer, No. 3. | 1844—Jan. 11. | Charles Ball, No. 1. |
| 1841—Jan. 14. | John Moore, No. 2. | | Newell C. Hall, No. 1. |
| April 8. | T. J. Stafford, No. 1. | | E. C. Kellogg, No. 2. |
| | R. S. Hinman,* No. 1. | | J. W. Johnson, No. 2. |
| | N. M. Waterman, No. 2. | | Wm. L. Watson, No. 4. |
| | R. S. Pratt, No. 3. | | A. Williams, No. 4. |
| July 8. | A. C. Heitmann, No. 1. | | Clark Beach, No. 5. |
| | C. W. Bradley, No. 3. | | John C. Hayden, No. 5. |
| Oct. 14. | W. H. Ellis, No. 1. | | Stephen Lawton, No. 5. |
| | J. B. Shultas, No. 2. | | James Kneringer, No. 6. |
| | Benj. F. Folger, No. 2. | | S. Tomlinson, No. 6. |
| | J. W. Newell, jr. No. 5. | | J. L. Ambler, No. 7. |
| 1842—Jan. 13. | J. G. Hotchkiss, No. 1. | | H. L. Miller, No. 8. |
| | Guy R. Phelps, No. 2. | | A. G. Seaman, No. 9. |
| | Geo. Walter, No. 4. | | Orrin F. Smith, No. 9. |
| | J. G. Anthony, No. 5. | | C. J. Gruman, No. 10. |
| April 14. | L. A. Thomas, No. 1. | | S. Olmsted, No. 10. |
| | Gilson Landon, No. 4. | | S. R. Bunting, No. 10. |
| | Sheldon Bassett, No. 6. | | E. W. Eells, No. 11. |
| July 14. | J. B. Bowditch, No. 1. | | J. D. Mowry, No. 11. |
| | T. C. Hollis, No. 5. | | S. M. Shaddick, No. 12. |
| | Robert Gates, No. 6. | | E. H. Booth, No. 12. |
| Oct. 13. | H. H. Dickinson, No. 2. | July 11. | Ralph Warren, No. 1. |
| | Porter H. Snow, No. 3. | | A. O. Coburn, No. 1. |
| | E. B. Stevens, No. 4. | | Henry Hastings, No. 2. |
| | S. O. Merwin, No. 5. | | E. Hamilton, No. 4. |
| | D. Carrington, No. 5. | | W. S. Atkinson, No. 4. |
| | B. R. Hitchcock, No. 1. | | J. A. Parmelee, No. 5. |
| 1843—Jan. 12. | W. A. Goodwin, No. 1. | | A. L. Brown, No. 5. |
| | W. W. Kingsley, No. 3. | | L. Hotchkiss, No. 6. |
| | Joseph Crosby, No. 4. | | H. N. Hawkins, No. 6. |
| | Noah Chandler, No. 5. | | Ely Burritt, No. 6. |
| April 20. | Isaac Judson, No. 1. | | Sydney Alling, No. 6. |
| | Joel Pratt, 3d,* No. 2. | | J. Greenwood, jr. No. 7. |
| | T. C. Bordman, No. 3. | | Ezra Clark, jr. No. 8. |
| | L. Boardman, No. 3. | | A. M. Gordon, No. 8. |
| | Fred'k Griffith, No. 4. | | C. E. Hewitt, No. 9. |
| | R. H. Starr, No. 5. | | H. Champlain, No. 9. |
| | R. R. Wood, No. 6. | | Asa Hill, No. 10. |
| | S. A. Hurlbut, No. 7. | | R. S. Bucknam, No. 10. |
| | R. A. Robbins, No. 8. | | C. A. Converse, No. 11. |
| | Jesse Rich, No. 9. | | Origen Utley, No. 12. |
| | D. H. Plumb, No. 10. | | Wm. Meeker, No. 13. |
| July 13. | P. Demick, No. 1. | | |

* Deceased.

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge
I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from December, 1843, to March, 1844.*

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No. initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole No. in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Wid. and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of Gen. Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 32 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 416 | 628.58 | 124.23 | 1994.68 | 1354.94 | 32 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 170 | 303.03 | 32.95 | 00.00 | 398.00 | 11 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 68.01 | | 225.51 | | 1 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 117 | 180.81 | 22.86 | 286.15 | 354.84 | 7 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 15 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 210 | 275.44 | 92.58 | 747.26 | 496.75 | 15 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 124.06 | 7.59 | 117.74 | 126.04 | 12 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 10 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 124 | 198.95 | 33.12 | 261.06 | 230.43 | 10 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | *166.78 | | | | 10 |
| THAMES, 9, | 32 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 157 | 442.28 | 118.86 | 839.82 | 354.45 | 32 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 99.78 | 18.55 | 210.95 | 128.41 | 4 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | 496.44 | 74.58 | 880.75 | 301.05 | 34 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 297.95 | 24.00 | | 48.46 | 9 |
| Total, | 199 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 1624 | \$3282.06 | 549.32 | \$5563.92 | \$3793.37 | \$177 |

* This includes receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund.

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge,
I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from March to June, 1844.*

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No. initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole No. in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Wid. and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of Gen. Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 28 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 438 | 513.17 | 96.92 | 2240.43 | 1451.86 | 28 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 9 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 172 | 196.68 | 47.62 | 00.00 | 442.64 | 9 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 101.45 | | 255.43 | | 5 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 131 | 237.69 | 16.83 | 479.81 | 372.81 | 14 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 234 | 472.84 | 63.41 | 822.94 | 496.75 | 32 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 107.04 | 15.28 | 165.32 | 142.32 | 5 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 19 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 140 | 310.93 | 45.92 | 430.85 | 276.35 | 19 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 46 | *98.69 | | | | 6 |
| THAMES, 9, | 30 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 183 | *459.96 | | 616.49 | 441.82 | 30 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 82.83 | 13.55 | 263.18 | 141.96 | 3 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 38 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 212 | 555.96 | 66.80 | 1226.94 | 367.85 | 38 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | 103.16 | 20.18 | | 95.53 | 8 |
| CHARITY, 13, | 9 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | *114.00 | | 50.00 | 5.00 | 9 |
| Total, | 203 | 10 | 1 | 26 | 17 | 31 | 1 | 3 | 1836 | \$3354.40 | 386.51 | \$6551.39 | \$4234.89 | \$206 |

* Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund included.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF.

| LODGES. | | No. brothers relieved. | | No. wid. fam. relieved. | | No. brothers buried. | | Paid for relief of brothers. | | Paid for relief of widow- ed families. | | Paid for educa. orphans. | | Paid for burying the dead. | | Total amount. | |
|---------------|------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------|----------------------|----|------------------------------|--------|---|--|--------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|---------------|--|
| QUINNIPIAC, | No. 1, | 95 | 0 | 3 | 1071 | 00 | 00 | 120 | 1191 | | | | | | | | |
| CHARTER OAK, | " 2, | 19 | 1 | 1 | 210 | 15 | 00 | 30 | 255 | | | | | | | | |
| MIDDLESEX, | " 3, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 48 | | | | | | | | |
| PEQUANOCK, | " 4, | 20 | 1 | 1 | 173 | 30 | 00 | 30 | 233 | | | | | | | | |
| HARMONY, | " 5, | 48 | 2 | 3 | 645 | 30 | 00 | 60 | 735 | | | | | | | | |
| OUSATONIC, | " 6, | 6 | 0 | 1 | 94 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 94 | | | | | | | | |
| SAMARITAN, | " 7, | 30 | 0 | 1 | 312 | 00 | 00 | 30 | 342 | | | | | | | | |
| MERCANTILE, | " 8, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 28 | | | | | | | | |
| THAMES, | " 9, | 38 | 0 | 0 | 293 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 293 | | | | | | | | |
| OUR BROTHERS, | " 10, | 10 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 84 | | | | | | | | |
| UNCAS, | " 11, | 24 | 0 | 1 | 222 | 00 | 00 | 60 | 282 | | | | | | | | |
| CENTRAL, | " 12, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 12 | | | | | | | | |
| CHARITY, | " 13, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WOPOWAGE, | " 14, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, | | 301 | 4 | 11 | \$3192 | \$75 | 00 | \$330 | \$3597 | | | | | | | | |

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT,
AS ADOPTED AT THE JULY SESSION, 1844.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE AND POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Title.

SEC. 1. The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT," and shall be composed only of the officers formally installed, and the Past Grands of lodges, regularly chosen Representatives and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

Powers.

SEC. 2. This Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship within the State of Connecticut, by virtue of a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and is the supreme tribunal of subordinate lodges within its jurisdiction. No lodge can be formed or continue to exist without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters ;—of suspending or taking away Charters for proper cause ; of receiving appeals and redressing grievances arising in lodges ;—of originating and regulating the means of its own support ;—and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interest of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and not in violation of the laws of the land.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

Qualifications for Membership.

SEC. 1. The members of the Grand Lodge shall be Past Grands, who have been, in conformity with this Constitution, duly and regularly elected Representatives of the subordinate lodges to which they belong, who have received the Grand Lodge degree and subscribed to these articles.

Election of Representatives.

SEC. 2. Each subordinate lodge shall, in the month of June, annually, elect by ballot from among the Past Grands who are in membership in the lodge so electing, such number of them as the lodge may

determine, to represent it in the Grand Lodge, and to serve for one year from the second Wednesday of July, and may at any time elect from among its qualified members additional Representatives to serve until the next annual election.

Qualifications of Representatives.

SEC. 3. Every Representative shall be a contributing member of the lodge which he represents, in good standing, and must be elected by a majority of the members present.

Certificates.

SEC. 4. Every Representative of a subordinate lodge shall at the time of his election be furnished with a certificate in the following form, viz :

_____ LODGE, No. —, I. O. or O. F.
To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut :

This is to certify, that F. G. _____ has been duly elected a Representative of this lodge in your Right Worthy body, to serve for one year from the second Wednesday of July, 18

[L. S.]

In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my hand
and the seal of our Lodge, this _____ day
of _____, 18

Secretary.

Which certificate must be presented when the Representative offers himself for admission.

Objections.

SEC. 5. If any member of the Grand Lodge object to the admission of any Past Grand so applying, his objections shall be submitted in writing and referred to the Committee on Elections ; and if the committee sustain the objections, or, on vote, the Grand Lodge sustain them, they shall be communicated to the subordinate lodge in which such Past Grand has been elected, and his application shall lie on the table until the decision of said subordinate lodge be communicated to the Grand Lodge. Then, if such subordinate lodge certify that it hath *duly considered such objections, and still recommends said Past Grand, believing him worthy of membership*, he shall be received as a member of the Grand Lodge. No Past Grand, under suspension, or having charges preferred against him in his subordinate lodge, shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Election and Appointment.

SEC. 1. The Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be,

- 1st. The Most Worthy Grand Master ;
- 2d. Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master ;
- 3d. Right Worthy Grand Warden ;

4th. Right Worthy Grand Secretary ;
5th. Right Worthy Grand Treasurer ; who shall be elected by ballot at the annual session.

6th. Right Worthy Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States ; one of whom shall be elected by ballot every year at the annual session, to continue in office for the term of two years from the date of his election.*

The appointed officers shall consist of,

7th. Right Worthy Grand Chaplain ;
8th. Worthy Grand Marshal ;
9th. Worthy Grand Conductor ;
10th. Worthy Grand Guardian ; who shall be appointed annually.

Grand Master.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge ;—he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine ; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge ;—he shall grant dispensations to open subordinates, at his discretion, when the Grand Lodge is not in session ; which dispensations shall be made subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge at its next regular session ;—he shall appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem.* and all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge ;—he shall give the casting vote in all cases when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by subordinates, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the representation to which he belongs ;—he shall appoint all Grand Officers, the appointment of whom is not otherwise provided for ;—he may order special sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it. After any sum of money may have been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same ;—he shall, in concurrence with the Committee on the State of the Order, semi-annually arrange the subordinates into convenient districts, for the more advantageous administration of his superintending powers. He shall, in person or by deputy, institute subordinate lodges, install their officers, confer the five minor degrees and all past official degrees ; and when officially visiting the subordinates he shall be received with the honors of the Order. In the recess, he shall be vested with all the powers exercised by the Grand Lodge, and his official acts and decisions so performed or made shall be binding, unless annulled by the Grand Lodge at its next session thereafter. He shall not, while presiding as Grand Master, hold any office nor serve on any committee in a subordinate lodge.

* This section was adopted while there was pending before the Grand Lodge of the United States, a By-Law requiring Grand Representatives to be elected for two years. The law was not adopted, and the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, adopted a resolution requiring the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut to alter this section so as to elect her representatives for one year only.

Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 3. The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in presiding, and in his absence shall take the chair. He shall semi-annually appoint a deputy for each District, receive reports of their official doings, and communicate the same to the Grand Master. In the event of the resignation, death or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall become *ex officio* Grand Master, until the next regular session thereafter.

Grand Warden.

SEC. 4. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door;—and in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

Grand Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting;—he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, report all delinquencies, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, give receipts therefor, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same; he shall notify each of the subordinates of all special sessions of the Grand Lodge;—he shall transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, immediately on the institution of a subordinate lodge, the name, number, date of charter or dispensation, and the location of the lodge; and also the same information on the suspension or expulsion of a lodge; and for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to a salary of fifty dollars per annum, payable semi-annually.

Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master; he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts, and how disposed of, the purposes and amounts of disbursements;—he shall have his accounts closed at every regular session, and submit them to the Grand Lodge. He shall transmit by the Grand Secretary semi-annually to the subordinates an exhibit of his accounts;—and he shall execute to the lodge bonds, with two sureties, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the trust.

Grand Representatives.

SEC. 7. Each Grand Representative shall attend the meetings of the Grand Lodge of the United States and represent the wishes of this Grand Lodge therein; or, in case of inability to attend, shall

nominate such substitute as the Grand Master may approve, to act for him ; and for the faithful performance of his duty he shall be entitled to the sum of thirty-five dollars. He or his substitute shall be furnished with a certificate of election, in the form required by Article X, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Grand Chaplain.

SEC. 8. The Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of opening and closing the same according to his office.

Grand Marshal.

SEC. 9. The Grand Marshal shall assist the Deputy Grand Master in supporting the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge ;—he shall superintend all Grand processions, attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the subordinates, and issue his proclamations when necessary.

Grand Conductor.

SEC. 10 The Grand Conductor shall introduce new members to the Grand Lodge, and the officers of subordinate lodges for installation, assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

Grand Guardian.

SEC. 11. The Grand Guardian shall attend at the door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the Grand Warden.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

SEC. 12. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall be charged with the duty of a general supervision of the interests of the Order within their respective districts,—in which they shall install officers, confer the five minor degrees and the past official degrees ; and in all cases of doubt they shall determine the construction of the constitutions, laws and usages of the Order at large. *Provided*, that any lodge within their jurisdiction, feeling aggrieved by such decision, may appeal therefrom to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. They shall keep a record of their official acts, and deliver the same to their successors in office, and shall report in writing to the Deputy Grand Master, accounts of their official acts, on or before the 2d Wednesday in July, and on or before the 2d Wednesday in January, annually.

General Duties.

SEC. 13. All Grand Officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

Qualifications for Office.

SEC. 14. No one shall be eligible for any Grand Office, unless he be a regular Representative in the Grand Lodge ; nor for Grand

Representative, unless he has received the side degrees, and has attained to the R. P. degree.

Mode of Election.

SEC. 15. Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election ; and no vote shall be valid unless it be for a previously nominated candidate.

SEC. 16. All elected Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given ; in case no candidate has such majority, the balloting shall be continued until one of them obtains it ; but when there are more than two candidates, the one having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot.

SEC. 17. In balloting, should there be an equal division of the votes between any two candidates, the Grand Master shall be called on for his ballot. Should there be more ballots than voters, the ballot shall be declared void, and a new ballot taken.

Installation.

SEC. 18. The Grand Officers shall be installed at any time during the session, that the Grand Lodge may determine. The present Grand Master or any Past Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

SEC. 19. All Grand Officers shall be installed to serve until the next Annual Session, and the installation of their successors.

Vacancies.

SEC. 20. All vacancies occurring by death, resignation or removal from office shall be filled in the same manner and for the residue of the term of the former incumbent.

ARTICLE IV.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. At each Annual Session, there shall be appointed the following Standing Committees, viz :

- 1st. Committee on Elections ;
- 2d. Committee on the State of the Order ;
- 3d. Committee on Finance ;
- 4th. Committee on Grievances ;
- 5th. Committee on Stationery and Printing.

Committee on Elections.

SEC. 2. The Committee on Elections shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, or the incumbent

of the chair at the time of opening the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the election and eligibility of members.

Committee on the State of the Order.

SEC. 3. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members, and shall be nominated by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine and report on the semi-annual returns of the subordinates—on the laws and rules of subordinate lodges, when presented to the Grand Lodge for its approval—on all propositions for amending the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of subordinate lodges, on all resolutions pertaining to the general interests of the Order within this jurisdiction, which the Grand Lodge has not otherwise disposed of and may so refer, and, together with the Grand Master, to define and fix the limits of the several districts, semi-annually.

Committee on Finance.

SEC. 4. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to their being passed for payment by the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, semi-annually, and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

Committee on Grievances.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Grievances shall be composed of one member from each lodge represented, who shall be chosen by the representation of each lodge, with the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to hear all appeals and grievances from lodges or members of lodges referred to them by the Grand Lodge, and report thereon such action as may be necessary; and during the recess of the Grand Lodge, any subordinate lodge having any grievance between itself and any of its members, either party may refer the same to the Grand Master, who, with said committee, may hear and determine the same,—from whose decision either party may appeal to the Grand Lodge. *Provided*, that in all matters at issue between a subordinate lodge and one or more of its members, or between two or more subordinate lodges, the member or members of this committee from such lodge or lodges, shall not be entitled to give judgment in such matters at issue.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Stationery and Printing shall consist of two members, who, with the Grand Secretary, shall contract for and superintend all printing ordered by the Grand Lodge, and procure stationery for the same.

ARTICLE V.**REMOVALS, SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.**

SEC. 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office.

SEC. 2. Any member being guilty of conduct in derogation of the character of the Order, on being regularly convicted shall be suspended or expelled from his seat as Representative, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Every officer and member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving removal, suspension or expulsion; but no member shall be put upon trial unless charges specifying his offence shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by a member thereof.

SEC. 4. When charges have been preferred against an officer or member in due form, they shall be referred to a special committee of five, (none of whom shall belong to the same subordinate lodge as the accused,) who shall immediately notify the parties; and after one month therefrom, they shall meet and proceed to examine the evidence in the case, (all of which shall be in writing,) and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of said committee to furnish the accused a copy of their report, in writing, at least one month before the next regular session of the Grand Lodge, at which session the case shall be heard and decided. And every member so accused and tried, shall be allowed to be heard in his own defence, when the case is before the Grand Lodge. *Provided*, that such member shall not be allowed to vote in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial.

SEC. 5. No officer or member shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial, nor be present when the question is taken on the report or resolution offered by the committee. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a Past Grand Master, if any be present, shall preside, while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

ARTICLE VI.**SESSIONS AND VOTES.**

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold two regular sessions in each year, viz: on the second Wednesdays in July and January; the first of which shall be distinguished as the **ANNUAL SESSION**, the other as the **SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION**, and shall hold **SPECIAL SESSIONS** at the call of the Grand Master; during either of which it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is disposed of. The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of New

Haven, and shall be opened in the Grand Lodge degree, at all times when engaged in the business of the Order.

SEC. 2. At the *Annual Session*, the subordinates shall have their reports, returns and sums due, presented, as required by these articles ; new members shall be admitted to their seats, the Grand Officers elected, and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge may be transacted.

SEC. 3. At the *Semi-annual Session*, the reports, returns and dues of subordinates, as required to be delivered by these articles, shall be received and acted on, new members may be admitted, and any other business transacted, proper to come before the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. At *Special Sessions*, no business shall be transacted except that for which the session is called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification to members ; but no business, at a Special Session, shall be so acted on as to involve the expenditure of money.

Quorum.

SEC. 5. The Grand Lodge shall not be opened unless there be present a representation from at least four subordinates, consisting of not less than ten members.

Votes.

SEC. 6. All questions before the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the Representatives present, unless when the representations of two subordinates require the vote to be taken by representations ; in which case it shall be determined by the majority of votes of lodges present ; *provided*, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by representations, in any case ; and each Representative shall vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge.

*Ratio of Representation.**

SEC. 7. The representations of each lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Session, *one hundred members* or less, in full membership, shall be entitled to *one vote*, and of each which has reported a greater number, shall be entitled to *one additional vote* for every one hundred members ; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately. The ayes and nays shall always be recorded when the vote is taken by representations.

Instruction.

SEC. 8. Subordinate lodges may instruct their Representatives, in writing, upon any business before this Grand Lodge, and such instructions shall be binding upon them and govern their votes in the Grand Lodge.

* Section seven has been made to conform to the amendment adopted at the Semi-annual Session, 1845.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Charters.

SEC. 1. On the written application of *five* or more brothers of the Order, praying for a charter to open a lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and on the payment and acceptance of *thirty dollars* therefor, such lodge shall receive its Charter, and the necessary Charges, Lectures and Books of Installation, and instructions, from the Grand Master, or whomsoever he shall depute to institute the same, whose necessary expenses, if any, shall be borne by the lodge so opened.

Seal.

SEC. 2. Every subordinate lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a fair impression of its seal; and all official documents from such lodges must bear the seal of the lodge.

Reports.

SEC. 3. At each Annual and Semi-annual Session, every lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full report of the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated and deceased: together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—the amount of receipts—and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. At the Annual Session each lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first meeting of June past, annually, a full return of the names of members, ranked according to degrees taken, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved—widowed families relieved and brothers buried—the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, and the amount paid for the education of orphans, together with the amount of the General Fund, and the Widow and Orphan Fund on hand.

Laws.

SEC. 5. Each subordinate lodge shall, at the end of its first term, transmit to the Grand Lodge, for approval, a copy of the by-laws, regulations and rules of order which have been adopted for its own regulation; and at the end of each subsequent term, shall transmit attested copies of all alterations and additions which may have been made to said by-laws, regulations and rules of order, during the term last past.

Dues.

SEC. 6. Each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each candidate admitted. And in case the

funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessment on the subordinates, according to the number of members in each.

Districts.

SEC. 7. No lodge shall receive applications from nor admit to membership, candidates whose legal residence is within any other Grand Lodge District, (as established for the time being,) without the written consent of the D. D. G. M. of the District in which said candidate resides.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution or any portion thereof shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless the proposition be made by the representations of two subordinates, in writing, at a regular session, which shall be referred to the next session, and entered on the record; and at the time of its determination, it shall require two thirds of the votes by representations present to adopt the same: but the Grand Lodge shall have power to reconsider any vote adopting an amendment to the Constitution, at the same session at which it was adopted.

ARTICLE IX.

BY-LAWS.

The Grand Lodge may adopt or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the government of itself and its subordinates, as two-thirds of the members present shall approve; to take effect after the close of the session at which they may be adopted:—*Provided*, such laws or rules shall not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles and usages of the Order.

BY - L A W S
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

RELATING TO GRAND LODGE.

*Time of Meeting.**

1. The R. W. Grand Lodge shall convene at the Annual and Semi-annual Sessions, at 2 o'clock P. M.; and shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is completed, unless otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Opening of Grand Lodge.

2. Within thirty minutes of the time of meeting, the presiding officer shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present; and at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled may organize informally, and adjourn the meeting to such time as they may determine upon.

Absence of Officers.

3. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden, the chair shall be taken *pro tem.* by the senior Past Grand Master present, if any, and if not, by any member of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

Prayer.

4. The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Expenses of Officers and Members.

5. The necessary expenses for travel and attendance on the Grand Lodge shall be allowed to all the Grand officers and one Representative from each subordinate lodge, provided they reside out of the city of New Haven, as follows: from Hartford, \$5; East Had-dam, \$7; Bridgeport, \$4.50; Derby, \$3; Danbury, \$6; New Lon-don, \$8; Norwalk, \$5.50; Norwich, \$9; Middletown, \$5; Ston-ington, \$9; Milford, \$3; [Willimantic, \$10; Tolland, \$9; Essex,

* At the session in January, 1845, the time of meeting of each regular session was changed to 2 o'clock, P. M.

§6 ; Waterbury, §4 ; Warehouse Point, §6 ;] which shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, subject to the provisions of Art. IV, § 4, of the Constitution, and the action of the Grand Lodge thereon.

RELATING TO SUBORDINATES.

Forfeiture of Charter.

6. Should any subordinate lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article VII, of the Constitution, for one year, it shall be deemed an extinct lodge and its charter forfeited.

7. In all cases where a lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, or its charter shall have been forfeited, the charter, funds, books, properties and effects of all kinds shall revert to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers of such lodge to deliver immediately to the Grand Master, or to the brother by him deputed to receive them, such funds and other effects as the lodge may have claim to.

8. Members of an extinct lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable him to make application for admission to membership in another lodge :—*Provided*, that no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

Funds of Subordinates.

9. The funds and properties of subordinate lodges having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren and other charitable uses in the Order, are not liable to be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between one lodge and another that may branch from it, but shall remain, for its legitimate purposes, the property of the lodge, so long as its charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the lodge ; except when a lodge shall number three hundred members, or more, in regular standing—when, upon application of such lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant leave for the equal division of the members of such lodge, and funds thereof, under such restrictions as the Grand Lodge may deem proper.

Rejections.

10. When any candidate has been rejected by any lodge, he shall not be received by any other lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge in a less time than one year from the time of such rejection.

Past Official Degrees.

11. Past Grands, Past Vice Grands and Past Secretaries shall be entitled to the degrees belonging to the offices past, on present-

ing to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden or District Deputy Grand Master, a certificate from the Secretary of the lodge, under seal, without charge.

Public Processions.

12. No lodge shall have a public procession without permission of the Grand Lodge, unless to attend the funeral of a brother; and no lodge shall appear in regalia at a funeral, but the members shall wear the funeral badge as prescribed in these By-Laws.

Official Visitation.

13. When the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master shall visit a subordinate lodge, officially, his necessary expenses shall be paid by such subordinate.

Can belong to only one Lodge.

14. No brother shall be permitted to hold office in, or be a member of two distinct subordinate lodges at the same time.

Emblems of the Order.

15. Any member of the Order who shall have painted upon his sign any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them upon the same, or have them printed or engraved upon his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall, if persisted in after the lodge of which he is a member gives him notice, be suspended or expelled, agreeably to a vote of the lodge.

REGALIA AND JEWELS OF GRAND LODGE.

Regalia.

16. The regalia of the Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall consist of scarlet collars and aprons, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe, if of the R. P. degree; if not, then trimmed with white lace or fringe.

Jewels.

17. The Jewels of the Officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be of yellow metal, and as follows, viz:—For Grand Master, a five pointed open star, with meridian sun in the center. For Deputy Grand Master, same star, with rising sun in the center. For Grand Warden, same, with hour-glass in the center. For Grand Secretary, same, with crossed pens in center. For Grand Treasurer, same, with crossed keys in center. For Grand Guardian, same, with crossed swords in center. For Past Grand Masters, same as Grand Master, with white setting on external margin. For members, same, with hand and heart in center.

Funeral Badge.

18. The funeral badge of the Grand Lodge shall be a black sash, with three links, a bow and quiver and a five pointed open star, with heart and hand in center, painted or wrought in gilt upon the front.

REGALIA AND JEWELS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Regalia of Officers.

19. The regalia of officers of subordinates shall be as follows: The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary and Treasurer, green collars; each trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; Supporters of Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of elected and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the collar or sash indicated for the office. The caps and robes of officers to correspond in color with the collar or sash of their office.

Jewels.

20. The subordinate jewels shall be of white metal, and as follows, viz:—For Noble Grand, crossed gavels. For Vice Grand, hour-glass. For Secretary, crossed pens. For Treasurer, crossed keys. For Warden, crossed axes. For Guardians, crossed swords. For Past Grand, five pointed open star, with heart and hand in center.

Regalia of Members.

21. The regalia of members of subordinates shall be as follows, viz:—*Initiates*, white aprons. *First Degree*, white collar and apron. *Second Degree*, same, trimmed with pink. *Third Degree*, same, trimmed with blue. *Fourth Degree*, same, trimmed with green. *Fifth Degree*, same, trimmed with scarlet. Rosetts of appropriate colors may be worn on the collar.

Funeral Badge.

22. The funeral badge of subordinate lodges shall be a black sash, having painted or wrought in front, for the initiated members, three links of a chain in white; for those who have attained to the pink, blue, or green degrees, the same, wrought in the color of the degree; for scarlet members, the same, with a bow and quiver suspended, in scarlet. Past Grands, same as scarlet members, surmounted by a five pointed open star, with heart and hand in center, in gilt.

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RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum shall be ascertained to be present, the following shall be the order of business, viz :

1. The M. W. Grand Master shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers and members to take their respective stations, and shall then call up the Grand Lodge.

2. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

3. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

4. The minutes of the last session shall be read, and if no objection be made to any part thereof, they shall stand approved without vote.

5. The Committee on Elections and Returns shall report on the eligibility of members.

6. New members admitted and instructed.

7. The Grand Master shall report his official acts.

8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall report on the returns from the subordinates; and each of the returns reported as correct, or an abstract thereof, shall be read.

9. Petitions read and referred.

10. Communications read.

11. Financial accounts read and referred.

12. Appeals read and referred.

13. Reports of Committee of Finance, submitted.

14. Further reports of the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted.

15. Reports of Committee of Grievance, submitted.

16. Reports of Special Committees, by seniority, submitted.

17. Unfinished business acted upon, by priority.

18. New business.

The Reports of the Committee on Elections are privileged to take priority to all other business, until disposed of. But the reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.

The order of business, as here arranged, may, at any time, for an

occasion, be changed or dispensed with by a special two-third vote of the Grand Lodge.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed ; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the Chair.

Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask, "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*"—when, should no member rise to speak, the Grand Master shall rise to take the question ; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it ; and he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus—" *Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge?*"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be up-standing, and shall respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished he shall sit down. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair; but no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair; and after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member it shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to amend; and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged;—the first three of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may, at the same or next succeeding meeting of the same session, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, and if seconded by a majority shall be put in this form—“*Shall the main question be now put?*” If carried, the first question in order shall be immediately taken without further debate.

When one-fifth of the members present rise in favor of taking a question by ayes and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATES.

OFFICE OF GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE }
STATE OF CONNECTICUT, NORWICH, AUG. 1, 1844. }

To R. W. C. W. BRADLEY, GRAND SECRETARY :

SIR,—I send you herewith a Report, made to me by the Committee on the State of the Order, together with a copy of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, as revised by them, according to the instruction of the Grand Lodge, the whole of which I approve. You will please have it printed in connection with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in conformity with a vote passed at the last session.

J. L. DEVOTION, *Grand Master.*

To M. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE,
I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred, by vote of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, a Report of a Committee on the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, directing that this committee should revise the same, respectfully report :

That in accordance with that vote, the committee have given the subject a careful consideration, and do concur fully in the recommendations of that Report, with the exception of a few verbal corrections. In furtherance of the plan of suiting it to the present condition of the Order, and rendering it complete in all matters necessary for the government of subordinate lodges, they have made a few other changes, which experience has seemed to them to render necessary, though not absolutely required by existing enactments ; subject, however, to your approval, and the action of the Grand Lodge at its next session.

The following are the changes not rendered necessary by any previous enactments :

In Article III. Sec. 3, the minimum of a funeral benefit, on the death of a brother, has been made *fifteen* in place of *thirty* dollars, for the reason that, in many small towns, from fifteen to twenty dollars is sufficient to defray all ordinary expenses, although in cities and larger towns, thirty dollars is not too much. Young lodges, too, with small funds, and those whose means have become reduced from any cause, ought to be allowed to suit their benefits to their means. With this view, the Grand Lodge has never thought it expedient to make any requirements in regard to the amount paid for weekly benefits. A very liberal spirit has always existed in this state on the subject of benefits ; and as any higher sum can and probably will be adopted by lodges whose location or circumstances make it advisable or necessary, it is believed that the change will be advantageous. A simi-

lar reduction has been made in the amount of benefit on the death of a wife, for the same reason. Another benefit has been added, of five dollars, on the death of a child.* Any reasons that would seem to render a benefit proper on the death of a wife, would operate with equal force in favor of a benefit on the death of a child.

As no requirement existed in relation to serving a copy of charges on an accused brother, a regulation that seemed necessary to the ends of justice, and on which point an appeal had already been taken to the Grand Lodge, the committee in view of its manifest necessity, have added Sec. 8 of Art. IV.

With these changes, this committee believe that the Constitution will be found sufficiently complete in its requirements to meet the wants and enable the subordinate lodges to administer their affairs understandingly, in conformity with the rules and usages of the Order.

The aforementioned Report, together with a copy of the Constitution as amended, is herewith submitted.

Very respectfully yours,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

JAMES B. GILMAN,
CHARLES A. CONVERSE,
ORRIN F. SMITH,
JAMES D. MOWRY,
ORIGEN UTLEY,

} *Committee on the
State of the Order.*

August 1st, 1844.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT:

The committee appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws of your Right Worthy Body, respectfully report, that they have also revised, in connection therewith, the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, a copy of which is herewith submitted.

Several changes were necessary to render it conformable to the new laws of the Grand Lodge; and your committee have endeavored, in addition thereto, to embody all those decisions of the Grand Lodge which relate to the duties and government of subordinates, with the intention of making it full and complete in all the regulations immediately necessary for their guidance. A few other additions are also suggested, which the committee deemed necessary to adapt it to the present condition of the Order, to preserve uniformity in usage, and to give definiteness to former enactments; all which will appear in the accompanying document.

A slight change has been made in the arrangements of the articles and sections, for perspicuity.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES W. BRADLEY, *Chairman.*

NEW HAVEN, July 11, 1844.

* This emendation was rejected by the Grand Lodge, at its semi-annual session, Jan. 1845.

CONSTITUTION
FOR
SUBORDINATE LODGES,
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

How constituted.

SEC. 1. This lodge shall be constituted by at least *five* members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled
and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a subordinate lodge—holding a legal, unreclaimed charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.

By-Laws.

SEC. 2. This lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

Forfeiture of Charter.

SEC. 3. Should this lodge fail to make its returns as required by the second section of Article VI, for four successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct: and it shall become the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the lodge.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

Qualification.

SEC. 1. No person shall be initiated into this lodge under twenty-one years of age, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Proposition and Ballot.

SEC. 2. The name of a person offered for initiation must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence and business—which must be entered on the record and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall make a written report at a succeeding regular meeting—when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots; and every candidate shall be entitled to three separate ballots, and three only, all which shall be taken within six weeks from the time his name was reported to the lodge; in any of which, should there be less than *three* black balls he shall be declared duly elected; but if three or more appear he shall be rejected.

Rejections.

SEC. 3. No candidate can have his name withdrawn after it has been reported upon by a committee; nor shall any candidate who has been rejected by any other lodge, be proposed in this within one year from the time of such rejection; or, if rejected in this lodge, he shall not be again proposed within six months thereafter.

Admission of Members.

SEC. 4. A brother of the Order wishing to become a member shall present his card from the lodge of which he was formerly a member, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and in other respects disposed of as provided by Sec. 2, for other applicants; and on being admitted shall pay a sum of not less than *one* dollar.

Notice of Rejections.

SEC. 5. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to all the lodges in the same district.

ARTICLE III.

OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Dues.

SEC. 1. The regular contributions to the lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than $6\frac{1}{2}$ cents per week—to be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for widow and orphan fund, education fund and funeral tax; and the lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Weekly Benefit.

SEC. 2. Every member who shall be qualified as required by the By-Laws of this lodge, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the lodge.

Funeral Benefit.

SEC. 3. In case of the death of a brother who shall be qualified as provided in Sec. 2, there shall be allowed from the lodge a sum not less than fifteen dollars, to defray the expenses of burial—which shall be paid over, without delay, to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G., in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral and receive account of the disbursements.

Benefit on the Death of a Wife.

SEC. 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified as provided by Sec. 2, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than ten dollars, for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.*

ARTICLE IV.

OF PENALTIES AND TRIAL

Penalties.

SEC. 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require or the lodge determine.

Trial.

SEC. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion; but no member of this lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence be submitted to the lodge, in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment of dues to the lodge.

Committee.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers be brought before the lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated brother; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties and examine and determine the matter in question; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision to the lodge, it shall be final without other action from the lodge. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the lodge for action.

* The benefit on the death of a child was ordered to be stricken out, at the session in January, 1845.

Action on Motion of Committee.

SEC. 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the lodge may proceed to consider and determine it; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Appeal from Decision of Committee.

SEC. 5. When the decision of a committee appointed under Sec. 3 shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of appeal to the lodge; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the lodge; and the lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee, by a majority of votes present.

Appeal to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. Any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the lodge against him, shall be entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

*Notice to other Lodges.**

SEC. 7. Any brother having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State, [and to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the State;] and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Notice of Charges.

SEC. 8. When charges have been preferred against a brother in regular form, a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the same, shall be left at his residence or where he was last known to reside, if within the town where the lodge is located. If he is absent from or resides out of town, then they shall be directed to the last place where he was known to reside and left at the Post Office; and if the brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or

* Amended by inserting the part enclosed in brackets, at the January session, 1845.

offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed in manner and form as if he were present.

Disability.

SEC. 9. No officer or member shall officiate in the lodge during the time occupied in his trial, nor be present when the question is taken on the report or resolution of the committee. Should the N. G. be under charges, a P. G. shall preside.

*Cannot be Re-tried.**

[SEC. 10. No member of a subordinate lodge who has had charges preferred against him, and has been tried thereon and acquitted, shall again be put upon trial for the same offence, unless evidence is first given to the lodge that new facts, not known at a former trial, can be produced.]

ARTICLE V.

OF OFFICERS, QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.

Elected Officers.

SEC. 1. The elected officers of the lodge shall consist of Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the last meeting in each term, and a Permanent Secretary, (when deemed necessary by the lodge,) who shall be elected for one year, at the last meeting in May.

Appointed Officers.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of Warden, Conductor, O. Guardian, I. Guardian, R. H. S. N. G., L. H. S. N. G., R. and L. H. S. S., who shall be appointed by the N. G., and R. and L. H. S. V. G., who shall be appointed by the V. G. on the night of installation.

Nominations.

SEC. 3. Nominations for the elected officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Election.†

SEC. 4. Each elected officer must be voted for separately, by ballot, and each must receive a majority of all the votes given to be elected; [and no blank vote or vote for other than regularly nominated candidates shall be considered a vote or counted as such;] and when there are more than two candidates in nomination, the one having the least number of votes shall be withdrawn at each ballot.

* Sec. 10 was adopted at the Annual Session, 1845. See proceedings.

† The amendment in relation to blank votes, &c. was adopted at the session in January, 1845.

Absentees.

SEC. 5. Any officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the lodge ; and all vacancies shall be filled in such manner as a majority of the lodge may determine, to serve the residue of the term ; and officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term

Qualifications.

SEC. 6. No brother shall be eligible to any elected or appointed office, unless he shall have attained to the scarlet degree. And no brother shall be eligible to the chair of the N. G., unless he has served a regular term as V. G. ; nor shall any brother be eligible as V. G., unless he has served two terms in some inferior office.

SEC. 7. No past officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office ; except the Secretary, Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Duties.

SEC. 8. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles and the By-Laws of the lodge.

SEC. 9. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the lodge and its members, and make out the annual report for the Grand Lodge ; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform all other duties of the office.

Representations.

SEC. 10. This lodge shall, in the month of June, annually, elect by ballot from the Past Grands who are in membership in the lodge, such number of them as the lodge may determine to represent it in the Grand Lodge, and to serve for one year from the second Wednesday of July, and may at any time elect from among its qualified members additional representatives to serve until the next annual election.

ARTICLE VI.**OF TERMS AND RETURNS.***Terms.*

SEC. 1. Regular quarterly terms shall commence on the first meetings in June, September, December and March, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Quarterly Reports.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the last past officers to prepare, immediately after the first meeting in each term, and transmit to the Grand Lodge, a regular report of the work of the term, including the result of the elections, the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated and deceased: together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts.

SEC. 3. The lodge shall at the end of its first term transmit to the Grand Lodge, for approval, a copy of the By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of Order which have been adopted for its own regulation; and at the end of each subsequent term shall transmit attested copies of all alterations and additions which may have been made to said By-Laws, Regulations and Rules of Order during the term last past.

Annual Reports.

SEC. 4. At the Annual Session this lodge shall report, in addition, up to the first meeting of June past, annually, a full return of the names of members, ranked according to the degrees taken; and a statement of the number of brothers relieved—widowed families relieved, brothers buried—the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, and the amount paid for the education of orphans, together with the amount of the General Fund and the Widow and Orphan Fund on hand.

ARTICLE VII.

OF DEGREES.

Applications for Degrees.

SEC. 1. Any brother wishing to take the degrees shall apply in open lodge, at a regular meeting, when he shall be balloted for with ball ballots, by members of the scarlet degree only; and if not more than three ballots appear against him, he shall be furnished with a certificate signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary and attested with the seal of the lodge, of his having applied for such degrees, and that he was by a ballot of the lodge authorized to receive the same.

Manner of Conferring.

SEC. 2. Not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven; and no degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor—which shall not be less than the following rates, viz:

For the *White*, one dollar; for the *Pink*, one dollar; for the

Royal Blue, one dollar ; for the *Green*, one dollar ; for the *Scarlet*, two dollars.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. These Articles nor any part thereof shall be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, and adopted by the representatives of a majority of the lodges present.

Reference to Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8th, 1845. }
7 o'clock, P. M. }

The Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened at the Hall of Harmony Lodge this day, in Semi-annual Session, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT.

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| M. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | of No. 11, <i>Grand Master</i> , |
| R. W. H. L. MILLER, | " No. 8, <i>Deputy Grand Master</i> , |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, | " No. 1, <i>Grand Warden</i> , |
| R. W. C. W. BRADLEY, P. G. M. | " No. 3, <i>Grand Secretary</i> , |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | " No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer</i> , |
| R. W. F. CROSWELL, P. G. M. | " No. 1, <i>1st Grand Representative</i> , |
| W. JOHN MOORE, | " No. 2, <i>Grand Chaplain</i> , |
| W. CHAS. A. CONVERSE, | " No. 11, <i>Grand Marshal</i> , |
| W. JOHN W. JOHNSON, | " No. 2, <i>Grand Guardian</i> ; |

and the following representatives, viz: from

QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1; *New Haven*.

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| Thomas J. Stafford, | Jonas B. Bowditch, |
| Adrian C. Heitmann, | Isaac Judson, |
| William H. Ellis, | Newell C. Hall, |
| Lucius A. Thomas, | Alexander O. Coburn. |

CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2; *Hartford*.
Henry Hastings.MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3; *East Haddam*.
John C. Palmer.PEQUANOCK LODGE, No. 4; *Bridgeport*.
John M. Wilson, William L. Watson.HARMONY LODGE, No. 5; *New Haven*.
J. G. Anthony, John C. Hayden,
Thomas C. Hollis, John A. Parmelee,
Noah Chandler, Andrew L. Brown.OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6; *Derby*.
Sheldon Bassett, P. G. M. Simon Tomlinson,
James Kneringer, Sydney Alling,
Lewis Hotchkiss, Ely Burritt,
Horatio N. Hawkins.SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7; *Danbury*.
John Greenwood, Jr.

MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8; *Hartford*.
A. M. Gordon.

THAMES LODGE, No. 9; *New London*.
None.

OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10; *Norwalk*.
Cholwell J. Gruman, Richard S. Bucknam.

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11; *Norwich*.
E. W. Eells.

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12; *Middletown*.
Erastus H. Booth, Origen Utley.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 13; *Stonington, (Lower Mystic.)*
William Meeker.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Committee on Elections, viz: Reps. Thomas, of No. 1, Kneringer, of No. 6, and G. Chap. Moore, of No. 2.

In the absence of several members of the various standing committees, the Chair proceeded to fill the vacancies, *pro tempore*; when, on the Committee on the State of the Order, Rep. Johnson, of No. 2, was appointed in the place of P. G. M. Gilman; on the Committee on Finance, Rep. Ellis, of No. 1, in place of Rep. Wightman; on the Committee on Grievances, Rep. Heitmann, of No. 1, in place of Rep. Ball, Rep. Hastings, of No. 2, in place of Rep. Phelps, Rep. Palmer, of No. 3, to fill a vacancy, Rep. Greenwood, of No. 7, in place of Rep. Hurlbut.

Rep. Hollis, of No. 5, was appointed Grand Conductor, *pro tempore*.

The Grand Secretary commenced the reading of the minutes of the annual session,—pending which, a motion was made and carried to dispense with the further reading of the Journal.

The Committee on Elections reported as correct, certificates of the following representatives elect, viz:—from

Quinnipiac, No. 1; Charles K. Brown.

Charter Oak, No. 2; C. S. Martin, Edward Button.

Middlesex, No. 3; P. G. M. *Charles W. Bradley*,* *John C. Palmer*, Daniel B. Warner, *Richard S. Pratt*, *Thomas C. Bordman*, Nathan Pratt, William H. Goodspeed, William Marsh,

* Those Past Grands whose names appear in italics, were already members of the Grand Lodge.

William Palmer, Jr., Oliver Warner, George E. Goodspeed, William B. Dickinson, *Luther Boardman*, Asa E. Gillett, Francis M. Palmer.

Pequanock, No. 4; *John M. Wilson*, *William L. Watson*, Benjamin K. Mills, John W. Wilmot.

Harmony, No. 5; Louis L. Beecher, Jobamah Gunn.

Samaritan, No. 7; Munson A. Shepard.

Mercantile, No. 8; James A. Ayrault, Edson Fessenden.

Thames, No. 9; Henry Stayner.

Our Brothers, No. 10; Eli Curtis, James A. Quintard.

Uncas, No. 11; *Edward W. Eells*, Philo M. Judson, Wm. C. Potter.

Wopowage, No. 14; Benjamin P. Bush, John N. Buckingham.

Report accepted.

On motion, the name of P. G. Frederick Brewer was enrolled as an additional representative of Central Lodge, No. 12, without certificate.*

The W. Grand Marshal announced candidates for the Grand Lodge Degree to be in waiting; whereupon, the following Past Grands were introduced, received the said Degree, and took their seats on the floor of the Lodge: viz: Charles K. Brown, of No. 1; Edward Button, of No. 2; Benj. K. Mills, John W. Wilmot, of No. 4; Louis L. Beecher, Jobamah Gunn, of No. 5; Munson A. Shepard, of No. 7; James A. Ayrault, Edson Fessenden, of No. 8; Henry Stayner, of No. 9; Eli Curtis, James A. Quintard, of No. 10; Philo M. Judson, Wm. C. Potter, of No. 11; Frederick Brewer, of No. 12; Benjamin P. Bush, John N. Buckingham, of No. 14.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following Report, which was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the records:

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives:

There is no assemblage which I can conceive of, more intensely beautiful than an assemblage like this; when the din of party strife is obliterated and forgotten and all dwell "together in unity." In a spirit of brotherly love, becoming our "laudable profession," I trust we are assembled, in obedience to the requirements of our Constitution, for the purpose of legislating upon the various subjects which may be presented for our consideration, and I avail myself of the opportunity now offered, to felicitate you on the favorable auspices under which we are convened, and to assure myself that all our pro-

* Evidence was adduced before the Grand Lodge, that he had been duly elected representative, and had received a certificate thereof, which had been mislaid.

ceedings will be conducted in such a manner as to merit the approbation of our constituents.

It is a source of great pleasure to me to be able to inform you that the Order within this jurisdiction has experienced a season of great prosperity, since our last session—from every quarter we have the gratifying intelligence of its onward progress.

In accordance with the custom of those who have preceded me, I present you with a summary of my official acts.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the revision of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, attended to this important duty immediately after the close of our last session. With a view of presenting a code of laws, for the government of the subordinates under this jurisdiction, which should accord with the Constitution, as well as embrace the various decisions of the Grand Lodge, the committee found it necessary to bestow considerable attention to the subject. Although somewhat embarrassed they discharged the delicate duty in a manner highly creditable to themselves and to the Order. On the first day of August, I received a report of their doings, together with the Constitution as revised. After a careful examination of the alterations which experience seemed to require, I gave it the sanction of my approval and directed the printing thereof. The same, I doubt not, has ere this been before you, and you are now probably prepared to decide upon its merits.

On the 21st day of August, by request of District Deputy Grand Master Meeker, I conferred the five Degrees on a large number of the members of Charity Lodge, No. 13, who had been duly qualified therefor. I have not been able to visit officially this subordinate since our last session, but learn that it is in a highly flourishing condition. The difficulty which prevented its rapid growth, owing to the prejudice which existed in the minds of some, in regard to our Order, is fast being surmounted, as its benevolent operations are developed.

On the 28th day of August, I made an official visit to Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, accompanied by R. W. Grand Treasurer Bishop. The regularity with which the business of the Lodge was conducted, the splendid manner in which the ceremony of initiation was performed, added to the attention which I received during my sojourn there, greatly augmented the pleasure which I derived on that occasion. I found this flourishing subordinate with a room tastefully and handsomely decorated, and enjoying a season of prosperity, which convinced me that the members were only "striving to excel each other in promoting the welfare and harmony of the lodge." I conferred the Past Official Degrees appertaining to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand, on Past Grand S. A. Hurlbut, and the Past Secretary's Degree on Brother James P. Sanders. As there was no Past Grand qualified to receive the Past Secretary's Degree, I issued a special dispensation to Past Secretary Sanders, and empowered him to confer that Degree on District Deputy Grand Master John Green-

wood, Jr., on his presenting a certificate of having passed the Secretary's chair. On the 20th day of October he informed me that he had discharged the duty assigned to him.

On the 6th day of September, I received a petition from Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, as also one from Harmony Lodge, No. 5, asking permission to hold a public procession during that year, for the purpose of receiving in an appropriate manner the members of "Hinman Lodge, No. 107," of the city of New York, who had signified their intention of visiting New Haven. As their visit was to the place where reposed the ashes of him whose name they delighted to honor,—a name around which is entwined so many pleasing reminiscences,—I could not consistently refuse granting the permission they desired.

On the 9th day of September, I installed the officers of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, in ample form.

On the 26th day of September, I made an official visit to Central Lodge, No. 12, accompanied by W. Grand Marshal Converse ; on this occasion I conferred the Past Secretary's Degree on Brothers Patrick Fagan, James E. Bidwell and Horace D. Hall. I did not have an opportunity to witness the ceremony of initiation in *this* lodge, consequently cannot say any thing in regard to that subject. The harmony and brotherly love which characterized the proceedings of the lodge, while I was present, induced me to believe that they had not forgotten the essential principles of Odd Fellowship.

On the 27th day of the same month, I visited Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, accompanied by R. W. Grand Secretary Bradley, W. Grand Marshal Converse, W. Grand Guardian Johnson, together with several members of the Grand Lodge. To say that I was pleased on this occasion, would be a phrase of inadequate meaning : "Friendship, Charity and Harmony," seemed to reign predominant, and I could not avoid indulging the pleasing anticipation, that, in point of numbers, this lodge would soon occupy a more conspicuous place in our confederacy.

On the 18th day of November, I received a petition for a lodge to be located at Willimantic, in the town and county of Windham. From the high character of the applicants, I was satisfied that the Order would pass under no evil imputation, if entrusted to their hands. I accordingly issued a dispensation, subject to your approval, and on the 26th day of December, I proceeded to institute the same, under the style and title of "Washington Lodge, No. 16, I. O. O. F.," according to the most ancient ceremonial of the Order. I installed the officers into their respective chairs, and delivered the necessary lectures and charges for its organization. I received the assistance of eighty members of Uncas Lodge, as also a number from Middlesex Lodge, No. 3. Fourteen candidates were initiated on this occasion. The highly flattering circumstances under which this lodge commenced its existence, must be gratifying to every member of our Order.

On the 2d day of December, I installed the officers of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, in ample form. I herewith lay before you the appeal of a large number of the members of this lodge, from the decision of the Noble Grand in regard to the election of Vice Grand, and the ground that *blank* ballots should not be counted in the election of officers; as this appeal involves considerations of an important character, I trust it will receive at your hands the attention which it obviously demands. Whatever may be your decision in this matter, I confidently anticipate that you will make such provision for the future, either by statutory enactments or by resolution, that a case like this will not again occur.

On the 18th day of December, I received a petition from seven brothers for a lodge to be located in the city of New London, to be known and hailed by the style and title of "Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, I. O. O. F." As this application was approved by the *unanimous* vote of Thames Lodge, No. 9, I granted a dispensation, subject to your approval, and on the 20th day of December, I instituted the same, in accordance with the requirements of the Order. The character of the brothers who had commenced the good work of establishing this new colony of our beloved Order, is a sure guarantee of success.

On the 24th day of December, I made an official visit to Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, accompanied by several officers and members of the Grand Lodge. This Lodge has been in existence nearly five years, and is now in a very thriving condition; the establishment of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this place, where our systematic benevolence has been so long and favorably known, will tend to strengthen the institution of Odd Fellowship, which is fast winning its way into the favor of an intelligent and discerning community.

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the subject of procuring an engraved Visiting Card for the use of the subordinates under this jurisdiction, were making arrangements to carry out your wishes in regard to this matter, when the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States rendered further action of this committee inexpedient.

On the 25th day of December, I received a petition from five brothers residing at Tolland, for a lodge to be located at that place, and known and hailed by the style and title of "Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F." The petitioners were desirous of being immediately organized, but, owing to the press of other matters, and the near approach of the session of the Grand Lodge, I was compelled to forego the pleasure of adding another to the many bright stars which adorn our confederacy. The petition I herewith lay before you, and recommend the same to your favorable notice.

At a previous session of the Grand Lodge, a committee was appointed to take into consideration the propriety of erecting a monument to the late M. W. Grand Master R. S. Hinman. That committee reported, at our last session, in favor of an appropriation for

that purpose, which report was accepted. Opposed as I am to taxing subordinates for the purpose of raising funds to be expended for such purposes, I cannot avoid recommending that you will again take this subject into consideration, and appropriate an amount sufficient to erect a monument to the memory of our departed brother, as a token of our regard for his services in the work of benevolence and philanthropy.

I would suggest to you the propriety of having the odes prescribed by the work of the Order arranged to appropriate music, in order that there may be a uniformity in the subordinates in this particular.

I have this day instituted "Montawese Lodge, No. 15, I. O. O. F." and presented the charter which was granted at our last session. This lodge bids fair to become a powerful auxiliary in the cause of benevolence and Odd Fellowship. The officers were installed in ample form, according to the requirements of the Order.

The limited number of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge, which embraces the doings of this body during its infancy, have long since been exhausted, and a few lodges only are in possession of entire copies of our proceedings from its organization to the present time. The propriety of transmitting a correct record of our doings to those who shall succeed us, must be apparent to you all. I would, therefore, respectfully recommend to your favorable consideration, the subject of having our proceedings reprinted, with such marginal references as to embrace a complete history of Odd Fellowship since its first introduction into this state. Our financial affairs, I learn, are in such a situation as to admit of this expenditure.

Through the politeness of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, I have had an opportunity to peruse the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its last session; from which I learn that a committee has been appointed by that body to revise the various lectures, charges and work appertaining to the several degrees of the Order. The committee to whom this important duty was entrusted, is composed of some of the most distinguished brothers connected with our Order, and embraces a splendid array of talent. The "Official Magazine" of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which has been published for several years by that body, has been ordered to be disposed of on terms therein specified.

There are several subjects acted upon at the last session of the highest court of Odd Fellowship in this country, which may require some action at your hands.

In concluding this report of my official acts since our last session, I beg leave to assure you of my willingness to coöperate with you in any measure which will tend to promote the best interests of our fraternity and advance the cause in which we are here engaged.

JOHN L. DEVOTION, *Grand Master.*

Resolution raising a select committee of three on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to new lodges: pass-

ed,—and P. G. M. Croswell and Reps. Demick and Thomas, of No. 1, appointed.

Resolution raising a select committee of three on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the erection of a monument to the memory of the late M. W. Grand Master Hinman: passed,—and Reps. Miller, of No. 8, Booth, of No. 12, and Meeker, of No. 13, appointed.

Resolution raising a select committee of two on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the odes and music of subordinate lodges: passed,—and Reps. Eells, of No. 11, and Beecher, of No. 5, appointed.

Resolution that so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to blank votes at elections, and the appeal of one hundred and one members of Uncas Lodge concerning the same, be referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances: passed.

Resolution that so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to the re-printing of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, from its organization, be referred to a select committee of five: passed,—and Reps. Bishop, of No. 1, Greenwood, of No. 7, Gruman, of No. 10, Fessenden, of No. 8, and Thomas, of No. 1, appointed.

Report of the Standing Committee on the State of the Order on the quarterly returns of subordinate lodges, declaring full and correct reports for the summer and autumnal terms from lodges Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14, and for the summer term of No. 13, and the autumnal term of No. 11. From No. 2 an irregular report,—because embracing in one the aggregate work of two quarters; and defective, in not having the seal of the lodge. From No. 8, two reports, correct in all respects except wanting the seals. Report of No. 11, for the summer term, not signed by the N. G. From No. 13, no report for the last quarter.

Report accepted.

Motion of Rep. Judson, of No. 11, for reconsideration of the resolution referring the appeal of members of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, to the standing Committee on Grievances: carried. The resolution being again before the Grand Lodge, was amended, and motion to recommit the appeal to the Committee on Grievances, carried.

Appeal of E. F. Balcum, of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, from decision of said lodge, continued from last session, taken up and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Appeal of John J. Stone, of Quinncipiack Lodge, No. 1, from decision of said lodge, read and referred to the same committee.

Resolution that so much of the report of the Grand Master as refers to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the annual communication, 1844, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order: passed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess for half an hour, that the several committees might have opportunity to attend to the duties of their appointment.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The Committee of Finance reported:

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:

The undersigned, Committee of Finance, report, that they have audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and find them correct. The G. Treasurer has in his hands a balance in cash of \$296.07, and has deposited in the Savings Bank \$400. There is due from the Grand Encampment of Connecticut \$100, which, with twenty shares of Union School stock, which cost \$300, make the total funds of the Grand Lodge \$1,096.07.

All which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

FREDERICK CROSWELL, }
THOMAS C. HOLLIS, } *Finance Committee.*
WM. H. ELLIS, }

New Haven, Jan. 8, 1845.

Further report of the same committee on bills rendered, recommending the payment of the following, to wit: Bill of

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| Hitchcock & Stafford, for printing, | - | - | - | \$64.35 |
| Croswell & Jewett, for stationery, | - | - | - | 9.06 |
| G. Rep. Croswell, paid G. L. U. S. for degree books, | | | | 12.00 |
| G. Sec. C. W. Bradley, for salary, postages and expenses, | | | | |
| from July, 1844, to Jan., 1845, | - | - | - | 36.50 |
| G. M. John L. Devotion, for postages and expenses to G. | | | | |
| L., Jan., 1845, | - | - | - | 15.67 |
| D. G. M. Henry L. Miller, for expenses to G. L., Jan., 1845, | | | | 5.00 |
| G. Guardian John W. Johnson, for do. | do. | do. | do. | 5.00 |
| G. Marshal Chas. A. Converse, for do. | do. | do. | do. | 9.00 |
| G. Chaplain John Moore, for do. | do. | do. | do. | 5.00 |
| Harmony Lodge, No. 5, for rent of hall, for year ending | | | | |
| Dec. 31, 1844, | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| Rep. Hamilton, of No. 4, for expenses to G. L., July ses- | | | | |
| sion, 1844, | - | - | - | 4.50 |
| " E. Button, of No. 2, | do. | do. | Jan. ses., 1845, | 5.00 |
| " J. C. Palmer, of No. 3, | do. | do. | do. do. do. | 7.00 |
| " J. M. Wilson, of No. 4, | do. | do. | do. do. do. | 4.50 |
| " J. Kneringer, of No. 6, | do. | do. | do. do. do. | 3.00 |
| " J. Greenwood, Jr., of No. 7, do. | | do. | do. do. do. | 6.00 |

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| Rep. | A. M. Gordon, of No. 8, expenses to G. L. Jan. ses., 1845, | \$5.00 |
| " | Henry Stayner, of No. 9, do. | do. do. do. 8.00 |
| " | Eli Curtis, of No. 10, do. | do. do. do. 5.50 |
| " | P. M. Judson, of No. 11, do. | do. do. do. 9.00 |
| " | O. Utley, of No. 12, do. | do. do. do. 5.00 |
| " | Wm. Meeker, of No. 13, do. | do. do. do. 9.00 |
| " | Benj. P. Bush, of No. 14, do. | do. do. do. 3.00 |

Report accepted and bills ordered to be paid.

Resolution directing the Grand Secretary to appear and prosecute the petition now pending before the General Assembly of Connecticut, for an act of incorporation of this Grand Lodge: passed.

Proposed amendment to Article VI, section 7 of the Constitution, continued from last session, [p. 119.] taken up.

D. G. M. Miller moved to amend by striking out the word "fifty" in third and fifth lines, and substituting "one hundred." Amendment adopted. After further discussion, on motion, laid on the table.

The special committee on new lodges reported:

To the M. W. Grand Master, R. W. Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to new lodges, respectfully report, that the petitions for charters for Washington Lodge, No. 16, Willimantic; Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, New London; and Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, Tolland, are correct in form and are accompanied with the requisite number of signatures: they therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

FRED. CROSWELL,
PRELATE DEMICK, } Committee.
L. A. THOMAS,

New Haven, Jan. 8, 1845.

Resolved, That the dispensations granted by the M. W. Grand Master to Washington Lodge, No. 16, Willimantic, and Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, New London, be confirmed and charters granted; and that a charter be granted to the petitioners for Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, Tolland.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

Resolution directing the Grand Secretary to communicate with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the state of New York, relative to the extra-judicial requirements of its subordinates towards visiting brethren: passed.

Further report of the Committee on Finance on bills presented: report accepted and bills ordered to be paid.

On motion, adjourned to 8½ o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Jan. 9th.

The Grand Lodge came together pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The special committee on erecting a monument to the memory of the late Grand Master Hinman, reported, and offered the following resolution :

Resolved by this Grand Lodge, That ——— be a committee to contract for and superintend the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Grand Master Hinman, at an expense not exceeding one hundred dollars.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The Chair named as this committee, P. G. M. Croswell and Reps. Ellis and Bishop, of No. 1.

The special committee on the odes and music of subordinate lodges, made report and accompanied the same with a resolution for printing 4,000 copies of the music set forth by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master made report of his official acts since the annual session : report accepted and ordered on file.

Motion to refer so much of D. G. M. Miller's report as relates to the infringement of Lodge No. 10 on the rights of No. 4, to the Standing Committee on Grievances : carried.

Proposed amendment of Article VI, section 7 of the Constitution, taken up, discussed, and again laid on the table.

Resolution directing the Committee on the State of the Order to procure the proper regalia and jewels of each and all the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge, and authorizing the Grand Master to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the expense of the same : passed.

The Standing Committee on Grievances reported :

To the M. W. Grand Master, Officers, &c. of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother E. F. Balcam, of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, beg leave to report, that they are of opinion that the proceedings of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, in said case were informal and not in accordance with the requirements of the constitution and by-laws of said lodge ; they therefore submit the following resolution.

Respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

A. C. HEITMANN, *Chairman of Com. of Grievances.*

New Haven, Jan. 9, 1845.

Resolved, That the prayer of Br. E. F. Balcum be granted, and that Uncas Lodge, No. 11, be and is hereby directed to go into a new trial of said case.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

Further report of the same committee, on the appeal of sundry brothers of Uncas Lodge, contesting the election of a Vice Grand, with accompanying resolution, to wit: "*Resolved*, That the Vice Grand's chair in Uncas Lodge, No. 11, be, and the same is hereby declared vacant, and that a new election be had to fill said vacancy,—and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to • Uncas Lodge, No. 11, immediately after the adjournment of this Grand Lodge." Report accepted and resolution passed.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain asked and obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Further report of the Committee on Grievances:

To the M. W. Grand Master, &c.:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Brother John J. Stone, of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report, that in the opinion of this committee the proceedings of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, in said case, were entirely informal, and [recommend] that the same be referred back to the said lodge, for further action.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. HEITMANN, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, announced the recent death of one of his colleagues, P. G. Hotchkiss, and accompanied the announcement with a pertinent eulogy on the life, character and services of the departed brother.

P. G. M. Bradley offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were passed unanimously:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the wise providence of God to remove from our Grand Lodge and companionship, our beloved brother JOHN G. HOTCHKISS, P. G. and Representative of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1: Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of our worthy brother and fellow representative, John G. Hotchkiss, we deeply deplore the loss which we have sustained, as of one whose excellent qualities of heart and mind rendered him a valuable member of the Order and of society at large.

Resolved, That the cordial sympathies of this Grand Lodge be extended to the bereaved family and friends of our late brother, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate to them the action of the Grand Lodge.

Further report of the Finance Committee, on bills rendered : report accepted and bills ordered to be paid.

Written communication from the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, on an alleged infringement of the rights of Central Lodge, No. 12, by Harmony Lodge, No. 5 : referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Rep. Johnson, of No. 2, offered the following resolution : "*Resolved*, That no blank vote or vote for persons not in regular nomination for any office in this Grand Lodge, or any office in any subordinate lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be counted."

Rep. Judson, of No. 11, moved to amend by inserting after the words "*Resolved*, That," the words "hereafter, the construction of last clause of Art. III. Sec. 15 of the Constitution, shall be that": Amendment adopted, and the resolution as amended passed.

Resolution by Rep. Ellis, of No. 1, declaring the construction of Art. 5 of the By-Laws to be opposed to the payment of traveling expenses of officers *elect* : passed.

Reps. Demick, of No. 1, and Gruman, of No. 10, offered the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That so much of Art. VI. Section 6 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as requires a vote by representations on the call of *two* lodges, be so amended as to require a call by a *majority* of lodges, before a motion to take any vote by representations can be sustained." Resolution laid over until the next annual session.

Resolution by Rep. Heitmann, of No. 1, amending Article I. of the By-Laws, by altering time of meeting to 2 o'clock P. M. : passed.

Reps. Demick, of No. 1, and Gruman, of No. 10, offered the following :

"*Resolved*, That Article VII. Section 6 of the Constitution be so amended as to read thus :—'Each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of fifty cents for each candidate admitted.'" Resolution continued to next annual session.

Motion to reconsider the resolution to print 4,000 copies of the odes and music of subordinate lodges : carried. The original resolution as reported by the select committee on that subject being again before the Grand Lodge, was, on further motion, indefinitely postponed.

Proposed amendment of Article VI. Section 7 of the Constitution, taken up. Motion to postpone to next session : lost. The question recurring on the passage of the original resolu-

tion as amended, was taken by representations, when there appeared

Yeas—Quinnipiac, No. 1, Charter Oak, No. 2, Middlesex, No. 3, Pequannock, No. 4, Harmony, No. 5 Mercantile, No. 8, Uncas, No. 11, Wopowage, No. 14. Total, 8.

Nays—Ousatonic, No. 6, Samaritan, No. 7, Central, No. 12, Charity, No. 13. Total, 4.

Divided—Our Brothers, No. 10.

So the proposed amendment was adopted.

Report of the select committee on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the re-printing of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, accompanied with the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee of two be appointed to examine and arrange for the press the proceedings and history of this Grand Lodge and of the Order in the state, and report the same to the next session of the Grand Lodge. Report accepted and resolution passed. The Chair named as that committee, Rep. Thomas and P. G. M. Croswell.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., at its annual communication, 1844, reported that nothing contained therein required the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. Report accepted.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master Miller offered the following :

Resolved by this Grand Lodge, That the committee to erect a monument to the memory of the late Grand Master Hinman, be authorized to draw an order on the Treasurer for the sum of one hundred dollars, to defray the expenses of the same, whenever said monument shall be completed.

Resolution passed.

Resolution authorizing Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, to appear in public procession, in the month of June next : passed.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge having come to order, went into a consideration of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order on the Constitution of subordinates.

On motion of Rep. Thomas, Article III. Sec. 4 was amended by striking out the words, " and on the death of a child under fifteen years of age, a sum of not less than five dollars."

On further motion by the same, Article IV. Sec. 7 was amended by inserting after the word "state," in the third line, the words, "and to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of the state."

Motion by P. G. Marshal Converse, to amend Article V. Sec. 4, by inserting after "elected," in the third line, the words "and no blank or vote for other than regularly nominated candidates, shall be considered a vote or be counted as such." Amendment adopted.

The Constitution as amended was then adopted.

Resolution directing Uncas Lodge, No. 11, to nominate and elect a Vice Grand for said lodge, for the current term : passed.

Further report of the Committee on Grievances, on alleged infringements by Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, on the rights of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4 ; and of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, on the rights of Central Lodge, No. 12,—recommending that the former case be continued to the next session, and that the latter be referred back to the District Deputy Grand Master of No. 10, "for such action between him and Harmony Lodge, No. 5, as he may deem fit." Report accepted.

The M. W. Grand Master assigned the limits of the several Districts, as follows, to wit :

District No. 1.—NEW HAVEN, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Hamden, Wallingford, Cheshire, Woodbridge.

District No. 2.—HARTFORD, and the entire county, except Berlin.

District No. 3.—EAST HADDAM, Haddam, Chester, Clinton, Killingworth, Saybrook, Westbrook, Colchester, the society of Hadlyme.

District No. 4.—BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston.

District No. 5.—DERBY, Bethany, Huntington, Middlebury, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Wolcott.

District No. 6.—DANBURY, Newtown, Brookfield, Sherman, Redfield, Monroe, New Fairfield, Redding.

District No. 7.—NEW LONDON, Waterford, Lyme, (except the society of Hadlyme,) East Lyme, part of Groton, within a line three miles from Thames river, Ledyard, Montville, Salem.

District No. 8.—NORWALK, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Greenwich, Westport.

District No. 9.—NORWICH, Preston, Lebanon, Lisbon, Griswold, Franklin, Bozrah and the county of Windham.

District No. 10.—MIDDLETOWN, Chatham, Durham, Portland, Berlin, Meriden.

District No. 11.—STONINGTON, North Stonington, and such part of the town of Groton as lies three miles from the river Thames.

District No. 12.—MILFORD, Orange.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master appointed his District Deputies, to wit :

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| <i>District No. 1.</i> | —P. G. Newell C. Hall, |
| “ “ 2, | “ James A. Ayrault, |
| “ “ 3, | “ John C. Palmer, |
| “ “ 4, | “ Eliphalet B. Stevens, |
| “ “ 5, | “ James Kneringer, |
| “ “ 6, | “ John Greenwood, Jr., |
| “ “ 7, | “ Henry Stayner, |
| “ “ 8, | “ Eli Curtis, |
| “ “ 9, | (<i>Residence of the Grand Master.</i>) |
| “ “ 10, | “ Origen Utley, |
| “ “ 11, | “ William Meeker, |
| “ “ 12, | “ Benj. P. Bush. |

Resolutions by the G. Secretary, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report at the next annual session, a suitable device for a seal of this Grand Lodge : passed.

Resolution directing the printing of the usual number of copies of the proceedings of the present session : passed.

Resolution allowing Harmony Lodge, No. 5, \$15 *per annum* for rent of hall : passed.

The Rev. Rep. of Charity Lodge, No. 13, (P. G. Meeker,) having been appointed G. Chaplain, *pro tem.*, on the call of the Grand Master, addressed the Throne of Grace.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

CHARLES WM. BRADLEY, *Grand Secretary*.

Abstract of Quarterly Reports made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from June to September, 1844.

| Name and Number of Lodge. | Initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Rejected. | With. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Reinstated. | Deceased. | Number of degrees conferred. | | | | | Whole No. in membership. | Amount of Receipts. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
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| | | | | | | | | | White. | Pink. | R. Blue. | Green. | Scarlet. | | | |
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 14 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 441 | 521.96 | 14 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 39.91 | 1 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 16 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 146 | 333.68 | 16 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 47 | 0 | 16 | 5 | 4 | *1 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 270 | 705.80 | 47 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | 155.56 | 7 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | †1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 150 | 235.07 | 9 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 43 | 51.62 | 4 |
| THAMES, 9, | 18 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | †1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 217 | 358.42 | 18 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 24 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | §1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 26 | 26 | 91 | 311.57 | 24 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 22 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 33 | 233 | 540.63 | 22 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 81 | 180.15 | 10 |
| CHARITY, 13, | 22 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 15 | 37 | 261.48 | 22 |
| WOPOWAGE, 14, | 19 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 18 | 25 | 202.00 | 19 |
| Total, . . . | 213 | | 132 | 14 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 163 | 163 | 164 | 162 | 161 | 1867 | \$3897.85 | \$213 |

* John Raine, for adultery.

† George L. Price, for dishonesty.

‡ David W. Cornwall, for imposition on the Order.

§ Isaac T. Hunt, for abusing the Order.

Abstract of Quarterly Reports made by the several subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from September to December, 1844.

| Name and Number of Lodge. | Initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Rejected. | With. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Reinstated. | Deceased. | Number of degrees conferred. | | | | | Whole No. in membership. | Amount of Receipts. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
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| | | | | | | | | | White. | Pink. | R. Blue. | Green. | Scarlet. | | | |
| QUINNIPIAC, No. 1, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 441 | 512.59 | 1 |
| CHARTER OAK,* 2, | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 180 | 498.00 | †21 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 44.44 | 0 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 10 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 153 | 273.25 | 10 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | | | | | 286 | 449.52 | 15 |
| OUSATONIC, 6, | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 88.88 | 3 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 153 | 211.83 | 4 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 4 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 44 | 64.75 | 4 |
| THAMES, 9, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 7 | 7 | 292 | 244.47 | 5 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 109 | 291.40 | 16 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 21 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 252 | 551.16 | 21 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 7 | 90 | 180.86 | 8 |
| CHARITY, ‡ 13, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 40 | | |
| WOPOWAGE, 14, | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 52.17 | 4 |
| MONTAWESE, § 15, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| WASHINGTON, § 16, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| TRUMBULL, § 17, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total, . . . | 112 | 2 | 13 | 8 | 19 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 83 | 83 | 82 | 71 | 71 | 2132 | \$3463.32 | \$112 |

* The returns of No. 2 are irregular; embracing the terms commencing June and September, 1844.

† Paid \$20.

‡ No returns.

§ No returns from Nos. 15, 16 and 17;—these lodges having been instituted since Dec. 19th, 1844.

ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
 NEW HAVEN, WEDNESDAY, July 9, 1845. }

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, convened this day in Annual Session, at 2 o'clock P. M., agreeably to its Constitution and Laws, and after prayer by the Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. JOHN L. DEVOTION, | <i>Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. HENRY L. MILLER, | <i>Deputy Grand Master,</i> |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, | <i>Grand Warden,</i> |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, P. G. M. | <i>Grand Secretary,</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer,</i> |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, P. G. M. } | <i>Grand Representatives,</i> |
| R. W. JAMES B. GILMAN, P. G. M. } | |
| W. JOHN MOORE, | <i>Grand Chaplain,</i> |
| W. CHARLES A. CONVERSE, | <i>Grand Marshal,</i> |
| W. JOHN W. JOHNSON, | <i>Grand Guardian,</i> |

with the following named Past Grands, representing their respective lodges, to wit : from

QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.

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| Charles Ball, | William A. Goodwin, |
| Samuel Bishop, | Newell C. Hall, |
| Charles K. Brown, | Adrian C. Heitmann, |
| Alexander O. Coburn, | Thomas J. Stafford, |
| Prelate Demick, | Lucius A. Thomas. |

CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.

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| Edward Button, | John W. Johnson, |
| James B. Gilman, | Guy R. Phelps, |
| Henry Hastings, | Nathan M. Waterman. |

MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

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| Charles W. Bradley, | John C. Palmer. |
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PEQUANOCK LODGE, No. 4.

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| Samuel B. Brittan, | George Walter, |
| John M. Wilson. | |

HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

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| Clark Beach, | John C. Hayden, |
| Louis L. Beecher, | Thomas C. Hollis, |
| Noah Chandler, | John A. Parmelee, |
| Jobamah Gunn, | Robert H. Starr. |

OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

Sheldon Bassett, Horatio N. Hawkins,
Robert R. Wood.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

John Greenwood, Jr., S. A. Hurlbut,
Munson A. Shepard.

MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

James A. Ayrault, Edson Fessenden,
Ezra Clark, Jr., Henry L. Miller.

THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

Orrin F. Smith, Allen S. Wightman.

OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

Eli Curtis, Cholwell J. Gruman,
James A. Quintard.

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

Charles A. Converse, John L. Devotion,
Philo M. Judson.

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

Erastus H. Booth, Origen Utley.

CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

William Meeker.

WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14.

John N. Buckingham.

MONTAWESE LODGE, No. 15.

Frederick Croswell.

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 16.

Lloyd E. Baldwin.

TRUMBULL LODGE, No. 17.

William W. Kingsley.

The Grand Master announced as the Committee on Elections, P. G's Palmer, of No. 8, Gruman, of No. 10, Smith, of No. 9.

Pending the reading of the minutes of the last session, a motion to dispense with the further reading thereof, was made and carried.

The Committee on Elections reported the following list, as embracing the names of all those who had been duly returned from the several subordinates, as representatives in this Grand Lodge for the current year, viz :—from

Quinnipiac, No. 1.—P. G's Charles Ball, Samuel Bishop, Charles K. Brown, Alexander O. Coburn, Prelate Demick, William A. Goodwin, Newell C. Hall, Adrian C. Heitmann, Benjamin R. Hitchcock, Isaac Judson, Daniel H. Moore, George N. Seagrave, Thomas J. Stafford, Lucius A. Thomas.

Charter Oak, No. 2.—P. G's Edward Button, James B. Gilman, Henry Hastings, John W. Johnson, Guy R. Phelps, Thomas H. Seymour, Timothy Sheldon, Mason Smith, Nathan M. Waterman.

Middlesex, No. 3.—P. G's Charles W. Bradley, John C. Palmer.

Pequanock, No. 4.—P. G's Samuel B. Brittan, Jared B. Collins, Benajah Mallory, George Walter, John M. Wilson.

Harmony, No. 5.—P. G's Joseph G. Anthony, Clark Beach, Louis L. Béecher, Andrew L. Brown, Noah Chandler, Jobamah Gunn, John C. Hayden, Thomas C. Hollis, Stephen Lawton, John A. Parmelee, Lucius G. Peck, William H. Stanley, Robert H. Starr.

Ousatonic, No. 6.—P. G's Sidney Alling, Sheldon Bassett, George Bristol, Robert Gates, Jr., Horatio N. Hawkins, William N. Priestley, Robert R. Wood.

Samaritan, No. 7.—P. G's Ethel T. Farnam, John Greenwood, Jr., S. A. Hurlbut, Alexander Lane, David P. Nichols, Munson A. Shepard.

Mercantile, No. 8.—P. G's James A. Ayrault, Abel N. Clark, Ezra Clark, Jr., John W. Danforth, William B. Ely, Edson Fessenden, Henry L. Miller, James C. Walkley.

Thames, No. 9.—P. G's George W. Brown, Orrin F. Smith, Allen S. Wightman.

Our Brothers, No. 10.—P. G's Samuel H. Bailey, Samuel W. Chamberlin, Eli Curtis, Cholwell J. Gruman, James A. Quintard.

Uncas, No. 11.—P. G's George T. Bromley, Charles A. Converse, John L. Devotion, Philo M. Judson, James D. Mowry, William C. Potter, John T. Wait, David Young.

Central, No. 12.—P. G's Erastus H. Booth, Langdon C. Hubbard, James S. Parmelee, Aaron G. Dease, Origen Utley.

Charity, No. 13.—P. G. William Meeker.

Wopowage, No. 14.—P. G's George N. Buckingham, George Cornwall, 2d.

Montawese, No. 15.—P. G.'s Smith Collins, Frederick Crosswell, Truman Hart, Henry H. Jewett.

Washington, No. 16.—P. G. Lloyd E. Baldwin.

Trumbull, No. 17.—P. G.'s Cyril C. Hughes, William W. Kingsley, William S. Noyes.

Nathan Hale, No. 18.—P. G. Henry F. Gardner.

Mystic, No. 19.—P. G. Leander F. Smith.

Fenwick, No. 20.—P. G. Junius M. Willey.

Report of the committee accepted.

The Grand Lodge Degree was conferred on the following representatives elect, namely :—Daniel H. Moore, George N. Seagrave, of No. 1 ; Thomas H. Seymour, Timothy Sheldon, Mason Smith, of No. 2 ; Benajah Mallory, Jared B. Collins, of No. 4 ; Lucius G. Peck, William H. Stanley, of No. 5 ; W. N. Priestley, George Bristol, of No. 6 ; David P. Nichols, Alexander Lane, Ethel T. Farnam, of No. 7 ; William B. Ely, James C. Walkley, Abel N. Clark, John W. Danforth, of No. 8 ; George W. Brown, of No. 9 ; S. W. Chamberlin, Samuel H. Bailey, of No. 10 ; David Young, of No. 11 ; Aaron G. Pease, Langdon C. Hubbard, James S. Parmelee, of No. 12 ; George Cornwall, 2d, of No. 14 ; Henry H. Jewett, Truman Hart, Smith Collins, of No. 15 ; Lloyd E. Baldwin, of No. 16 ; Cyril C. Hughes, W. S. Noyes, of No. 17 ; Henry F. Gardner, of No. 18 ; L. F. Smith, of No. 19 ; Junius M. Willey, of No. 20.

The Grand Master submitted the following report :

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :

The period designated by our laws for us to assemble, has again arrived, and we are once more convened conformably to the requirements thereof, to legislate for the several subordinates here committed to our charge. The occasion which has this day brought us together is one of no ordinary interest and importance : we are not here convened to witness a great military pageant ; we are not here to recount the exploits of a military chieftain or to entwine a garland around a conqueror's brow ; but the cause in which we are convened is of a far higher and more ennobling character,—that cause, the cause of human brotherhood. In view of the responsibility of the trust reposed in us by the lodges which we represent, let us enter upon the business of the session in a manner corresponding with its importance, and exemplify as far as in our power the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth.

It is with no ordinary pleasure that I inform you that the Order under your jurisdiction continues to be steadily advancing in strength, harmony and popular favor ; at no period since the banner of Odd Fellowship was unfurled in this state, has the Order been in a more flourishing condition ; the various obstacles placed in the way of its

advancements have been surmounted,—the prejudice which existed has in a measure been eradicated, and there seems to be nothing new to impede its onward progress.

In accordance with former customs, I embrace the opportunity now offered of presenting you with a report of my official acts, since our last session.

On the 17th day of January I instituted "Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F.," at Tolland, and presented the charter granted at our last session, together with the lectures and charges necessary for its complete organization; on this occasion I received the assistance of Grand Marshal Converse, Grand Guardian Johnson, and a large number of the members of Charter Oak, Middlesex and Washington Lodges. From the high character of the petitioners, I entertained no doubt but that their exertions would be crowned with success; and it is a source of unalloyed satisfaction for me to be able to say, that my most sanguine anticipations in regard to this lodge have been fully realized; in this town, Odd Fellowship has found a genial soil;—the names of those brothers enrolled among its members give ample evidence that such is the case.

On the 18th day of January, I made an official visit to Washington Lodge, No. 16, and conferred the five degrees on fourteen brothers of this flourishing subordinate. I also visited this lodge on the first day of March, on which occasion I installed the officers in ample form, assisted by brother Henry A. Barrows.

On the 20th day of January, I installed brother David Young into the office of Vice Grand of Uncas Lodge, No. 11.

On the 29th day of January, I granted a special dispensation to Noble Grand Henry F. Gardner, and empowered him to confer the degrees on such brothers of Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, as should be duly qualified therefor. I also granted on the same day a similar dispensation to Noble Grand Lloyd E. Baldwin, of Washington Lodge, No. 16. Said dispensations expired on the first day of July.

On the 7th day of February, I received a petition from six brothers residing at Mystic, in the county of New London, for a lodge to be located at that place. I granted a dispensation, subject to your approval, and on the 27th day of the same month I proceeded to institute the same, under the style and title of "Mystic Lodge, No. 19, I. O. O. F." assisted by P. G. Judson, as Grand Marshal, and District Deputy Grand Master Meeker, together with a large number of the members of the adjoining lodges:

On the 11th day of February, I made an official visit to Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, on which occasion I conferred the Past Official Degrees appertaining to the offices of Vice Grand and Noble Grand, on District Deputy Grand Master Henry Stayner. The philanthropic exertions of the brothers through whose instrumentality this lodge owes its existence, have been crowned with abundant success.

On the 3d day of March, I made an official visit to Uncas Lodge, No. 11, and installed the officers in ample form.

On the 8th day of March, I received a petition for a lodge to be located at Essex, in the town of Saybrook and county of Middlesex; I granted a dispensation, subject to your approval, and on the 19th day of the same month, I complied with the request of the petitioners, and instituted "Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F.," according to the most ancient customs of the Order; P. G. Bordman and a large number of the members of Middlesex Lodge were present and assisted on this occasion. Rev. Brother Junius M. Willey was installed Noble Grand: the election of so distinguished a brother to preside over this lodge, could not fail of giving character and efficiency to the Order, in this quarter of our jurisdiction.

On the 14th day of April, I received an application from Central Lodge, No. 12, for permission to hold a public procession on the 12th day of June. I also received a similar application on the same day from Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, for permission to hold a public procession during the month of May, which applications were severally granted.

On the 26th day of March, I conferred the Past Official Degrees appertaining to the offices of Secretary, Vice Grand and Noble Grand, on Past Grands John T. Wait, Wm. C. Potter and George T. Bromley, of Uncas Lodge, No. 11.

On the 21st day of April, I made an official visit to Quinpiac Lodge, No. 1, accompanied by the Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and several members of the Grand Lodge. This lodge has been too long and favorably known to require any eulogium at my hands.

On the 22d day of April, I made an official visit to Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, on which occasion the patriarchal branch of the Order was instituted. At this time I conferred the Past Secretary's Degree on District Deputy Grand Master E. B. Stevens, P. G. George Walter and brother Isaac L. Young. This lodge have a new hall arranged in a style of unsurpassed magnificence and beauty; the whole proceedings of the lodge while I was present, indicated that the members were desirous of promoting the best interests of the Order.

On the 1st day of May, I received a petition from five brothers for a lodge to be located at Waterbury, in the county of New Haven. I granted a dispensation, subject to your approval, and on the 1st day of July, I instituted the same under the style and title of "Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I. O. O. F." I received on this occasion the assistance of Deputy Grand Master Miller, and several members of the Grand Lodge. This lodge commenced its existence under circumstances that could not fail to gladden the heart of every true Odd Fellow; the high character of the petitioners leads me to anticipate that the favors of the Order on them "have not been undeservedly bestowed."

On the 16th day of May, I received a petition from five brothers residing at Warehouse Point, in the county of Hartford, for a warrant to open and constitute a lodge at that place. I granted a dispensa-

tion, subject to your approval, and on the 12th day of June, I instituted the same under the style and title of "Farmers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 22, I. O. O. F.," assisted by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian and a large number of the members of Charter Oak, Mercantile and other lodges. The brethren who have charge of the Order in this locality sustain so respectable a standing, that success must necessarily attend their exertions. I conferred the Past Official Degrees of Secretary, Vice Grand and Noble Grand on this occasion, upon Past Grands J. M. Willey and H. F. Gardner, and that of Secretary on brother Wm. W. Brace.

On the 31st day of May, I granted a special dispensation to Grand Guardian Johnson, and authorized him to install the officers of Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18. A similar dispensation was granted on the same day to Past Grand Lloyd E. Baldwin, authorizing him to install the officers of Washington Lodge, No. 16.

On the 2d day of June, I installed the officers of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, in ample form.

On the 14th day of June, I received an application from Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, for permission to hold a public procession, which was granted.

On the 28th day of June, I received a remonstrance directed to this Right Worthy body, from a large number of the members of Central Lodge, No. 12, in regard to the election of Vice Grand, setting forth the extraordinary course pursued by District Deputy Grand Master Uley, in relation thereto; the same I herewith lay before you and trust you will bestow upon it the attention which it demands.

On the 4th day of July, I conferred the Past Official Degrees of Secretary, Vice Grand and Noble Grand, on Past Grands Lloyd E. Baldwin and David Young.

On the 7th day of July, I conferred the degrees of Past Secretary and Past Vice Grand on Noble Grand William L. Brown, and that of Secretary, on Vice Grand Henry A. Barrows.

The Act of the General Assembly of this state, giving corporate powers to the Grand Lodge, cannot fail of proving highly beneficial, not only to the Grand Lodge, but to the several subordinates under this jurisdiction. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary, through whose exertions the prayer of the petitioners for said act of incorporation was granted, will submit a report in regard to this subject.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer will submit a detailed report, from which you will learn the situation of the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the arranging and preparing for the press the proceedings and history of the Grand Lodge, will submit a report in relation to this subject.

The regalia for the officers, authorized at the last session, has been procured and is now in possession of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was assigned the duty of contracting for

and superintending the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late M. W. Grand Master Hinman, will report what progress has been made towards carrying out the wishes of the Grand Lodge.

The subject of allowing public lectures to be delivered before the lodges under your jurisdiction, is one which I think demands your attention. To allow brothers indiscriminately to expound the principles of Odd Fellowship, cannot, I am confident, prove advantageous to the Order or tend to exalt it in the minds of an intelligent community. The subject I respectfully recommend to your consideration, not doubting but what it will receive such attention as in your judgment it commands.

When I had the pleasure of meeting you at the semi-annual session in January last, I fondly anticipated that long ere this we should be in possession of an entire revision of the work of the Order; the committee to whom this duty was assigned have signified their readiness to report, and the Grand Sire has ordered a special session of the Grand Lodge of the United States to be convened on the 9th day of September next, to receive and act upon the report of that committee.

The district system which has been adopted does not, I think, fully meet the intentions of the Grand Lodge. It has occurred to me that if the persons applying for admission into the different lodges residing in towns where no lodge exists, were permitted to apply where they thought proper, it would prevent much difficulty which now arises between the subordinates. This subject will not, I am sure, fail of receiving that degree of attention which its importance demands.

The period for which I was elected to preside over your deliberations is soon to expire, and I assure you that there was one consideration only, which marred the pleasure I derived when I entered upon the duties which your fraternal partiality allotted me; and that was a consciousness of my inability to perform the important and responsible duties which devolved upon me, in such a manner as to meet your approbation; nor did I for a moment have the vanity to suppose that a much better selection than myself might not have been made. The relation which I trust has pleasantly existed between us for the last year, is soon to be dissolved, and the arduous duties of the office are to devolve upon another; and I fear that I should do you injustice were I to suffer the present opportunity to pass without tendering you my heartfelt acknowledgments for the kindness and courtesy which you have shown me, and to the officers and members in particular, who have aided me by their counsel and advice.

In concluding this report, I beg leave to again congratulate you upon the success which has crowned your exertions in the great work of benefaction to the human family; and as we close the session and return to our respective lodges, let us not forget that "our Order was formed for purposes of benevolence and friendship, and

while we proudly contemplate the illustrious character of those who have gone before us, let us endeavor to acquire an experimental knowledge of the pure principles inculcated by our institution. It is our privilege and interest, as it should be our pride and delight, to emulate the virtues and acquirements of the one, and to prove an ornament to the other.

JOHN L. DEVOTION, *Grand Master*.

On motion, the foregoing report was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Report of the Deputy Grand Master read, and with accompanying returns of his District Deputies, referred to the same committee.

The G. Treasurer submitted his semi-annual report, which was accepted.

Appeals of Chauncey Wells, of Quinnipiac, No. 1, and of A. C. Heitmann, in behalf of heirs of Alva Grannis, deceased, late of said lodge ;—

Appeal of Jeremiah Goodnough, of Harmony, No. 5 ;—

Appeals of James W. Porter and William H. Clark, against expulsion from Samaritan, No. 7 ;—

Appeal of Isaac S. Ewen, of Thames, No. 9 ;—

Memorial of George W. Brown, of same lodge ;—

Appeal of Edward F. Balcarn, against expulsion from Uncas, No. 11 ;—

Report of D. D. G. M. Utley, of District, No. 10, preferring charges against Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, for initiating members from said district ; severally referred to the Standing Committee on Grievances.

Report No. 1, of Committee on State of the Order, on the quarterly returns of the subordinate lodges ; read and re-committed to the committee with instructions to correct certain errors.

The G. Master announced the names of several representatives to fill (*pro tem.*) vacancies in the Committee on Grievances.

On motion, the election of officers was made the special order for half past eight o'clock, this evening.

The Grand Secretary, as a committee appointed at the last session to prosecute the petition of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, for an act of incorporation, then pending by continuance before the General Assembly of said state, made his report, and with accompanying documents, submitted the following bill in form, passed by the said General Assembly, at its May session, 1845,—viz :

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

AT A GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, HOLDEN AT HARTFORD, IN SAID STATE, ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF MAY, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIVE :

SEC. 1. *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened*, That Frederick Crosswell, James B. Gilman, Charles William Bradley, Sheldon Bassett, John L. Devotion and their associates, members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Connecticut, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body politic and corporate by the name, style and title of

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and by that name they and their successors shall and may have continual succession; may have and use a common seal and may change and alter the same at their pleasure; shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all courts and places whatsoever; and to purchase, hold and enjoy, sell, convey, mortgage and lease property and estate, real, personal and mixed; and also to take and hold devises, legacies and bequests. *Provided always*, that the clear annual value of the estate and property held and owned by them shall not at any time exceed two thousand dollars.

SEC. 2. The said corporation shall have power to elect such officers and to make and establish such by-laws and rules for their regulation and government, as to them shall seem meet and proper; and may change, alter and amend or repeal the same at their pleasure. *Provided*, that such laws be not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of this state or of the United States.

SEC. 3. The said corporation shall and may have, use, exercise and enjoy all such other rights, privileges and immunities as appertain to or are necessary to the legal existence of a corporation.

SEC. 4. The said corporation shall not engage in or use or appropriate their funds, or any part of them, to any banking or manufacturing purposes.

SEC. 5. This act may at any time be modified, altered or repealed by the Legislature.

Report of the committee and act of incorporation accepted, and the accompanying papers referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Motion to reconsider the reference of the Grand Master's report to the Committee on the State of the Order, carried;

when the same was referred to a select committee, consisting of Reps. Judson, of No. 11, Gruman, of No 10, and Fessenden, of No. 8.

The chairman of the select committee on revising and re-printing the past proceedings of the Grand Lodge, made the following report, which was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :

The committee appointed to revise the record of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and prepare the same for the press, respectfully

REPORT—

That in furtherance of the object of their appointment, they have examined the records of the Grand Lodge, and all the documents on file in its archives ; upon which examination they have been induced to make a few verbal changes and such additions to the printed record as seemed necessary to render the Journal of the Grand Lodge plain and explicit. They have also collected from authentic sources the facts connected with the rise and progress of the Order in the state, prior to the establishment of the Grand Lodge, so as to present a complete history down to the present time.

For want of a proper system in transacting the business of the Grand Lodge during its session, a considerable degree of indistinctness exists in regard to the record of reports of committees and the decisions of this body. It was deemed important by the committee; that there should appear the *grounds* upon which the Grand Lodge has predicated its decisions upon the various questions which have been brought before it for adjudication. To this end, notes have frequently been added to illustrate the facts and principles involved in the decision of cases which have hitherto, for the want of a fuller journalizing, been either misapprehended or entirely forgotten. These, it is believed, will be of service not only in the future legislation of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, but by placing principles and decisions within the reach of her subordinates, will render their own action more uniform, and enable them to adjust intelligently many questions which are now brought before the Grand Lodge.

All which, in F., L. and T., is respectfully submitted.

L. A. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

Report of the Committee on Finance on sundry bills audited by said committee, with accompanying resolution for the payment of the same : report accepted and resolution passed.

Report No. 1, of select committee on the Grand Master's report, on so much thereof as relates to the contested election of Townsend P. Abel, as Vice Grand of Central Lodge, No. 12, with resolution referring the same and the papers relating

thereto to a special committee of five. Report accepted and resolution passed. The Chair named as such committee, Reps. Peck, of No. 5, Greenwood, of No. 7, Chandler, of No. 5, Palmer, of No. 3, Noyes, of No. 17.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the reports of the D. D. G. Masters; accepted.

On motion, By-Law No. 5, relating to mileage and pay of officers and representatives, was referred to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report necessary additions thereto.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to half past seven o'clock P. M.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 7½ o'clock.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

Report No. 2, of the select committee on the G. Master's report, recommending that so much thereof as relates to new lodges, be referred to a special committee of three;—that so much as relates to public lectures be referred to a special committee of three;—that so much as relates to the system of restricting the state be referred to a special committee of five; "and that the whole be accepted and placed upon the files of the Grand Lodge." Report accepted and committee discharged.

The Chair announced the following special committees:—

On *New Lodges*; Reps. Walkley, of No. 8, Brown, of No. 9, Bush, of No. 14.

On *Public Lectures*; Reps. Miller, of No. 8, Demick, of No. 1, P. G. M. Bassett, of No. 6.

On *Districts*; Reps. Thomas, of No. 1, Baldwin, of No. 16, Hollis, of No. 5; Jewett, of No. 15; Hughes, of No. 17.

Circular letters from the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Cor. Sec'y G. L. U. S., calling a special session of said Grand Lodge, on the 9th September, 1845; read and ordered to be placed on file.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the Act of Incorporation of the Grand Lodge, and documents accompanying,—with the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That P. G.'s Brothers John C. Palmer, of No. 3, Thomas H. Seymour, of No. 2, and Lucius G. Peck, of No. 5, be a committee to arrange and present to this Grand Lodge a plan for the safe keeping of the funds of the subordinate lodges, in accordance with the charter of this Grand Lodge, granted by the Legislature of this state, in May last.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The hour having arrived, the Grand Master announced the election of officers as the order of the day: whereupon, the Grand Lodge opened on nominations.

Reps. Thomas, of No. 1, Miller, of No. 8, Brittan, of No. 4, Phelps and Waterman, of No. 2, were nominated for the office of Grand Master. Rep. Brittan declined the nomination.

Reps. Demick, of No. 1, Johnson, of No. 2, Hubbell, of No. 12, Greenwood, of No. 7, and Seymour, of No. 2, were nominated for Deputy Grand Master. Reps. Johnson, Hubbell, Greenwood and Seymour declined.

Reps. Greenwood, of No. 7, Wightman, of No. 9, Walter, of No. 4, Hollis, of No. 5, Waterman, Phelps, Johnson, of No. 2, Fessenden, of No. 8, Parmelee, of No. 12, and Converse, of No. 11, were nominated for Grand Warden. Rep. Converse declined.

Reps. Bradley, of No. 3, E. Clark, Jr., of No. 8, Johnson, Waterman, of No. 2, Shepherd, of No. 7, and Hall, of No. 1, were nominated for Grand Secretary. Reps. Clark, Shepherd and Hall declined.

Rep. Bishop, of No. 1, was nominated for Grand Treasurer.

Reps. Devotion, of No. 11, Thomas, of No. 1, Wightman, of No. 9, Phelps, Seymour, of No. 2, Miller, of No. 8, Kingsley, of No. 17, Brittan, of No. 4, and Judson, of No. 11, were nominated for Grand Representative. Rep. Miller declined.

Reps. Gilman and Moore, both of No. 2, were appointed tellers.

On balloting, Rep. Henry L. Miller, of No. 8, was elected *Grand Master*, and was so declared.

Rep. Prelate Demick, of No. 1, was elected *Deputy Grand Master*, and was so declared.

On the first ballot for Grand Warden, there was no choice. Rep. Johnson declined his nomination. On the second ballot, Rep. John Greenwood, Jr., of No. 7, was elected *Grand Warden*, and was so declared.

Rep. Charles W. Bradley, of No. 3, was elected *Grand Secretary*, and was so declared.

Rep. Samuel Bishop, of No. 1, was elected *Grand Treasurer*, and was so declared.

On the first ballot for Grand Representative, there was no choice. Reps. Thomas, Seymour and Wightman declined their nomination. On the second ballot, Rep. Samuel B. Brittan, of No. 4, was elected *Grand Representative* to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was so declared.

Report of Committee on the State of the Order, on the report of the select committee on revising and re-printing the past proceedings of the Grand Lodge, recommending the acceptance of said report, and the appointment of a special committee of three to superintend the re-publication of the proceedings. Report of the select committee accepted: report of the standing committee accepted, and the recommendation thereof in the form of a motion passed. Reps. Croswell, of No. 15, Thomas, of No. 1, and Bradley, of No. 3, were appointed said special committee to superintend the re-publication of the Journals.

On motion of D. G. Master Miller, the Grand Secretary was authorized to order for the use of the subordinate lodges, such number of visiting and traveling cards as he might judge necessary or expedient.

Report of the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the 5th By-Law of the Grand Lodge, with instructions to amend the same by adding thereto an equitable rate of mileage from such places (where lodges are established) as are not included in the provisions of said law,—recommending the following to be added to the same, viz:—“*Willimantic, \$10; Tolland, \$9; Essex, \$6; Waterbury, 4; Warehouse Point, \$6.*” Report accepted, and the recommendation of the committee, as a resolution amending, passed.

Resolution instructing the Grand Representatives to bring before the G. L. U. S. the subject of the extra-judicial requisitions made on visiting brothers from Connecticut by lodges under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York: passed.

Resolution making the installation of officers the special order of the day to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock: passed.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, July 10th, 8 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and came to order.

On motion, the proposed amendment to Article VII. Section 6, of the Constitution, (p. 169, 10th paragraph,) was taken up and referred to a select committee, consisting of Reps. Ely, of No. 8, Kingsley, of No. 17, Gruman, of No. 10, Cornwall, of No. 14, Brown, of No. 9.

Resolution from the Committee on Grievances, granting

leave to George W. Brown to withdraw his memorial, referred back to the committee.

The order of the day being the installation of officers, all other business of the Grand Lodge was suspended.

Rep. HENRY L. MILLER, of No. 8, was installed into the office of GRAND MASTER, for the current year. The G. M. on taking his seat addressed the Grand Lodge :—

Representatives :

Elevated to this high and responsible office by your partiality, I enter upon its duties with anxious solicitude, lest I should disappoint your expectations and fail to preside over your deliberations to your acceptance or satisfaction. The world's honours are estimated highly by her favoured ones ; but this expression of your confidence is more grateful to me than honours conferred as the reward of services rendered or triumphs achieved.

Brethren, my energies shall be devoted to the best good of our beloved Order. I pledge whatever of ability I may possess in the performance of my duties, and I rely upon your united efforts to aid me in sustaining order during the sessions of the Grand Lodge. Be pleased to cover my imperfections with the mantle of charity, and accept my profound acknowledgments for the distinguished honour conferred by this appointment.

Rep. PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, was installed DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, for the current year.

Rep. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR. of No. 7, was installed GRAND WARDEN, for the current year.

Rep. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, of No. 3, was installed GRAND SECRETARY, for the current year.

Rep. SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, was installed GRAND TREASURER, for the current year.

The Grand Master announced his appointment of the following officers, to wit :

Rep. Rev. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, to be *Grand Chaplain* :

Rep. JOHN W. JOHNSON, of No. 2, to be *Grand Marshal* :

Rep. PHILO M. JUDSON, of No. 11, to be *Grand Conductor* :

Rep. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, of No. 10, to be *Grand Guardian* : who were thereupon duly installed.

Proposed amendment of Art. VI. Section 6, of the Constitution, (p. 169,) taken up, discussed and indefinitely postponed.

Resolution allowing G. W. Brown to withdraw his memorial, returned from the Committee on Grievances with a report that said resolution did not originate with said committee : resolution laid on the table.

On motion, the same committee were discharged from the consideration of the appeal of Alva Grannis, of No. 1, (the same principle being involved as in the appeal of Isaac S. Ewen, of No. 9,) and the appellant had leave to withdraw.

Resolution raising a committee of three to inquire into the true meaning and intent of Article III. Section 2, of Constitution of Subordinates, (p. 150,) passed,—and Reps. Devotion, Young, of No. 11, and Bassett, of No. 6, appointed.

Resolution allowing George W. Brown to withdraw his memorial, taken up and passed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess of fifteen minutes.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees for the current year, viz :

Committee on the *State of the Order*,—Reps. Converse, of No. 11, Bassett, of No. 6, Heitmann, of No. 1, Baldwin, of No. 16, Wightman, of No. 9.

Committee on *Finance*,—Reps. Chandler, of No. 5, Palmer, of No. 3, Peck, of No. 5.

Committee on *Printing*,—Reps. Phelps, of No. 2, Utley, of No. 12, Bradley, of No. 3.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the matter at issue between lodges No. 12 and 8, made the following report :

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
July 9th, 1845. }

The committee to whom was referred the report of the D. D. G. M. Utley, of District No. 10, relative to the initiation of H. E. Russell, G. M. Sanders and E. B. Erwin, and conferring the degrees on said brothers without charge, (they residing in Berlin, in District No. 10,) by Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, in District No. 2, without the consent of the D. D. G. M. of District No. 10, and after protest from the R. W. D. G. Master, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have attended to the duties assigned them, and find the facts stated in said report to be true, and that the action of Mercantile Lodge was in violation of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, and calculated to disturb the harmony of the Order :—the committee would therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted. Per order,

G. R. PHELPS, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the action of Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, in initiating Brothers H. E. Russell, G. M. Sanders and E. B. Erwin, residents in

Berlin, in District No. 10, and conferring said degrees, was in violation of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge and of the rights of Central Lodge, No. 12, and deserves the censure of this Grand Lodge; and that the Treasurer of said Mercantile Lodge be directed to pay over to the Treasurer of said Central Lodge the sum of eighteen dollars, (being the amount paid for initiation by said brothers,) and that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Treasurers of said Central and Mercantile Lodges, under seal of this Grand Lodge.

Motion of Rep. Waterman to go into committee of the whole on the report and resolution: lost.

Motion to amend the same by striking out so much as censures Mercantile Lodge: lost.

Motion to amend the resolution by striking out the word "eighteen" before the word "dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof "fifteen;"—(three dollars of that sum having been paid as dues to the G. L.) Carried. Resolution as amended passed; report accepted.

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the G. M. as relates to the installation of T. P. Abell, as Vice Grand of Central Lodge, No. 12, together with the remonstrance of certain brothers of said lodge, and a statement of "facts and considerations," from certain other brothers of the same, in opposition to said remonstrance, reported with accompanying resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That Brother Townsend P. Abell, at the time he was elected Vice Grand of Central Lodge, No. 12, had not held such a subordinate office* as is required by the Constitution of said lodge to qualify him for such election, and that his said election is hereby declared to be illegal and void, and the office of Vice Grand of said lodge to be vacant; and said lodge is hereby directed to cause said vacancy to be filled without delay.

Resolved, That D. D. G. M. Utley, by disregarding and overruling the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, transcended the powers of his office and forgot the respect due from inferior to superior officers, and that his conduct in so doing cannot be regarded by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut except with disapprobation.

Report of the committee accepted and resolutions passed.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report:

* Central Lodge, by her laws, created the office of Chaplain; and Br. Abell having held that office two terms was elected Vice Grand. The Grand Lodge decided that a Chaplain in subordinate lodges was not recognized as an officer by the Grand Lodge, and therefore Bro. Abell was not qualified according to Art. V. Sec. 6, Constitution for Subordinates.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
July 9th, 1845.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of E. F. Balcam from the decision of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, in expelling him from said lodge, have attended to the duties assigned them and heard the parties, and respectfully

REPORT :

That they find that the action of Uncas Lodge in the premises was informal, unfair, and based upon testimony of so loose a character as not to justify the expulsion of a member, and are of opinion that a new trial should be granted the appellant, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted. Per order,

G. R. PHELPS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That a new trial be granted by Uncas Lodge, No. 11, to E. F. Balcam, upon the charges preferred against him and on which he has been expelled from membership in said lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Uncas Lodge, under seal of this Grand Lodge.

Resolution amended by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and substituting, "That E. F. Balcam be, and he hereby is re-instated in his membership of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., without being subject to a new trial on the charges for which he was expelled from said lodge." Resolution as amended passed: report accepted.

Further report of same committee :

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
July 9, 1845.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of William H. Clark from the decision of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, in expelling him from membership in said lodge, have attended to the duties assigned them,—heard the parties or their representatives, and respectfully

REPORT :

That they find the matters stated in said appeal true ; and are of opinion that Samaritan Lodge erred in their judgment, by deciding that the selling of spiritous liquors contrary to law was a "heinous offence," within the meaning of the Constitution and By-Laws of said lodge, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted. Per order,

G. R. PHELPS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the decision of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, expelling William H. Clark, be and the same is hereby reversed and set aside; and that the Grand Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to said Samaritan Lodge, under seal of the Grand Lodge.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

Further report from the same committee, on the appeal of James W. Porter, from the action of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, in expelling him for cause identical with that immediately preceding ; accompanied with a like resolution for re-instatement. Report accepted and resolution passed.

Further report of the same committee on the appeal of Isaac S. Ewen, from decision of Thames Lodge, No. 9.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
July 9, 1845.

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Isaac S. Ewen, of Thames Lodge, No. 9, aggrieved by the vote of said lodge, whereby he was denied pecuniary benefits for sickness whilst at sea, by reason that his certificate of said sickness was not signed by a " Noble Grand or by a Justice of the Peace," (although it was attested by the commanding officer and another credible witness from the ship on board of which the said sickness occurred,) respectfully

REPORT :

X That having had the subject under consideration, they are of opinion that the said appeal is well-founded, and that Br. Ewen having fully complied with the *spirit* of the Constitution and laws of said Thames Lodge, (in a case where a *literal* compliance was, from the nature of his position, absolutely impossible,) is fairly entitled, by every principle of law and equity, to draw the usual stipend allowed by his said lodge. They therefore recommend the passage of the following resolutions. Per order,

G. R. PHELPS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Thames Lodge, No. 9, be directed to pay to Bro. Isaac S. Ewen the sum of twenty-four dollars, as the benefit due him for sickness during a late voyage ; he having complied with the legal requisitions of said lodge as far and as soon as circumstances would permit.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a copy of the foregoing resolution to the Secretary of Thames Lodge, No. 9.

Report accepted and resolutions passed unanimously.

Same committee reported by resolution, on appeal of Jeremiah Goodnough, expelled from Harmony Lodge, viz :

Resolved, That Harmony Lodge, No. 5, be directed to grant a new trial to Jeremiah Goodnough, on the charge of " conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow."

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Harmony Lodge.

Resolutions passed.

Report of same committee with accompanying resolution,

on the appeal of Chauncey Wells, from decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1. Report accepted and following resolution passed, viz :

Resolved, That Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, be instructed to pay to Chauncey Wells two weeks' sickness benefit, in addition to what has been allowed by said lodge ; and that the Grand Secretary forward to Quinnipiac Lodge a copy of this resolution under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

The following amendment having been moved by the representatives of two lodges, was ordered to be continued to the next semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge, viz :

Resolved, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, Article V. Section 2, be so amended as to include the office of Chaplain to be filled by the Noble Grand on the night of his installation.

JOHN MOORE, Rep. of No. 2,

CHARLES A. CONVERSE, Rep. of No. 11.

July Session, 1845.

Resolution raising a committee of three to procure suitable desks for the use of the Grand Lodge : passed,—and Kingsley, Demick and N. C. Hall appointed.

On motion, adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

Report and accompanying resolution of the select committee on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to public lectures. Report and resolution indefinitely postponed ; committee discharged.

Report of the special committee to whom was referred an inquiry into the true meaning and intent of Art. III. Sec. 2, of the Constitution of Subordinates ; declaring that any legislation thereon was unnecessary and inexpedient, and that the construction of said section should be settled by the subordinate lodges respectively, on the principles of law and equity. Report accepted and committee discharged.

Resolution confirming dispensations issued by the G. M. in recess, for opening Mystic Lodge, No. 19, Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, and Farmers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 22, and granting charters to said lodges : passed.

The following resolution for amendment of Constitution,

having been constitutionally moved, was ordered to be continued to the next semi-annual session, viz :

Resolved, That Article II. Section 3, of the Constitution of this [Grand] Lodge be amended by erasing the words "members present" and substituting, "*ballots given*."

P. M. JUDSON, Rep. of No. 11,
J. W. JOHNSON, Rep. of No. 2

July, 1845.

The following resolutions, introduced by Rep. Judson, of No. 11, were passed :

Resolved, That for the purpose of producing more uniformity in conducting the business of the Order, a special committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to prepare a Code of Laws or Standing Resolutions, collected from decisions which have heretofore been made in this Grand Lodge, and by adding such new ones as the doubtful constructions of the Constitution or discrepancies in the practice of subordinate lodges shall require : said committee to report at the next semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the Representatives and officers of the several subordinate lodges in this state be required to transmit to the said committee any matter of order, discipline or construction of laws, concerning which doubts may exist in said lodges.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to each of the subordinate lodges in this jurisdiction a copy of the foregoing resolutions, together with the name and address of the chairman of said committee.

The Chair appointed Reps. Judson and Devotion, of No. 11, and Rep. Smith, of No. 9, said committee.

Rep. Peck, of No. 5, from the special committee appointed to arrange and present a plan for the safe keeping of the funds of subordinate lodges, in accordance with the charter of this Grand Lodge, granted by the General Assembly of Connecticut, reported in part,—asking that said committee be continued, with power to report in full to the Grand Master in recess. Report accepted, and resolution passed, authorizing the Grand Master to accept the report of the committee in recess, and to act upon the plan to be proposed by said committee.

Rep. Judson, of No. 11, offered the following resolution, which was passed :

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, Bro. E. F. Balcum, of No. 11, should not be again subjected to trial, for any matters for which he has heretofore been arraigned.

Resolution referring the proposed amendment of Article VII.

Section 6, of the Constitution, (concerning the dues of subordinate lodges,) to a select committee, reconsidered. The vote on the proposed amendment was taken up by lodges and lost.

Proposed amendment of Article VI. Section 6, of the Constitution, continued from the semi-annual session, (page 169,) taken up, discussed and indefinitely postponed.

The following proposed amendments were submitted and ordered to lie over to the semi-annual session, agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution, to wit:

The undersigned, members of this Grand Lodge, propose the following amendments to the Constitution.

1st. That Art. III. Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended by striking out the words, "He shall, in concurrence with the Committee on the State of the Order, semi-annually arrange the subordinates into convenient districts, for the more advantageous administration of his superintending powers."

2d. That Art. IV. Sec. 3, be amended by striking out the words, "and together with the Grand Master to define and fix the limits of the several districts semi-annually."

3d. That Art. VII. Sec. 7, be repealed, and that the following be substituted: "No candidate for admission to any lodge in this state shall be initiated out of the town in which he resides; provided there be a regularly constituted lodge of Odd Fellows in the town where the candidate so resides."

JOHN L. DEVOTION, Rep. of No. 11,
L. G. PECK, Rep. of No. 5.

Resolution by Rep. Heitmann:—

Resolved, That no member of a subordinate lodge who has had charges preferred against him, and has been tried thereon and acquitted, shall again be put upon trial for the same offence, unless evidence is first given to the lodge that new facts not known at a former trial, can be produced.

Resolution passed.

Motion to reconsider the resolution on the matter of grievance in Central Lodge, No. 12, in relation to the election of T. P. Abell, as Vice Grand of said lodge: motion lost.

Rep. Utley asked leave to appeal from the decision of this Grand Lodge, to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for the censure involved in the resolution aforesaid; on the ground that the question on the passage of said resolution had been taken with indecent haste. Leave to appeal denied.

Resolution directing visiting and withdrawal cards to be furnished to subordinates at cost: passed.

Resolution authorizing the Printing Committee to procure the necessary blanks for this Grand Lodge: passed.

The Deputy Grand Master announced the following arrangement of the Districts, together with the name of the District Deputies to whose supervision they were respectively committed, to wit:

District No. 1, P. G. JOBAMAH GUNN, D. D. G. M.—New Haven, East Haven, North Haven, Branford, North Branford, Guilford, Madison, Hamden, Wallingford, Cheshire, Woodbridge.

District No. 2, P. G. EDWARD BUTTON, D. D. G. M.—Hartford, and the entire county, except Berlin.

District No. 3, P. G. THOMAS C. BORDMAN, D. D. G. M.—East Haddam, Haddam, Chester, Deep River, (in Saybrook,) Hadlyme, Colchester.

District No. 4, P. G. S. B. BRITTAN, D. D. G. M.—Bridgeport, Fairfield, Stratford, Trumbull, Weston.

District No. 5, P. G. JAMES KNERINGER, D. D. G. M.—Derby, Bethany, Huntington, Middlebury, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Waterbury, Wolcott.

District No. 6, The G. Warden, *ex-officio*, D. D. G. M.—Danbury, Newtown, Brookfield, Sherman, Ridgefield, Monroe, New Fairfield, Redding.

District No. 7, P. G. GEORGE W. BROWN, D. D. G. M.—New London, Waterford, East Lyme, Montville, Salem and so much of Groton as lies within three miles of Thames river.

District No. 8, P. G. S. W. CHAMBERLIN, D. D. G. M.—Norwalk, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Wilton, Greenwich, Westport.

District No. 9, P. G. PHILO M. JUDSON, D. D. G. M.—Norwich, Preston, Lisbon, Griswold, Franklin, Bozrah, Plainfield, Killingly, Woodstock, Thompson, Voluntown.

District No. 10, P. G. L. C. HUBBARD, D. D. G. M.—Middletown, Chatham, Durham, Portland, Berlin, Meriden.

District No. 11, P. G. AMOS CLAPP, D. D. G. M.—Stonington borough, Lower Mystic.

District No. 12, P. G. JOHN N. BUCKINGHAM, D. D. G. M.—Milford, Orange.

District No. 13, P. G. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, D. D. G. M.—Windham, Chaplin, Hampton, Canterbury, Lebanon, Hebron, Columbia, South Coventry, South Mansfield.

District No. 14, P. G. HENRY F. GARDNER, D. D. G. M.—Tolland, Somers, Ellington, Vernon, Bolton, North Coventry, North Mansfield, Stafford, Union, Willington, Ashford.

District No. 15, P. G. L. F. SMITH, D. D. G. M.—Upper Mystic, Ledyard, North Stonington, such part of Stonington as lies three miles from the sea shore, and such part of Groton as lies north of a line running parallel with the Providence turnpike, and six miles and a quarter south, running west to within three miles of the ferry.

District No. 16, P. G. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, G. Chaplain, D. D. G. M.—Saybrook, Clinton, Killingworth, Westbrook, Lyme, (except that portion of the last named town called Hadlyme.)

Resolution of thanks to the Past Grand officers : passed.

After prayers by the Grand Chaplain, on motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned without day, and was closed in ample form.

Attest,

CHARLES W. BRADLEY, *Grand Secretary.*

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge,
I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from December, 1844, to March, 1845.*

| Name and Number of Lodges. | No. Initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | With. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole No. in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole amt. of General Fund on hand. | Whole amt. of Widow and Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------------|
| QUINNIPAC, No. 1, | 7 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 438 | \$747.40 | \$105.73 | \$2181.71 | \$1688.33 | 7 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 29 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 0 | *1 | 0 | 190 | 402.00 | 70.00 | 0.00 | 536.00 | 29 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 80.92 | 21.34 | 364.82 | 190.81 | 4 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 31 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 186 | 554.38 | 39.86 | 846.50 | 524.61 | 31 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 2 | *1 | 1 | 293 | 335.00 | 47.42 | 382.77 | 687.63 | 2 |
| OSATONIC, 6, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 80 | 165.18 | 23.60 | 259.36 | 201.14 | 11 |
| SAMARITAN, 7, | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 178.28 | 31.03 | 566.63 | 355.36 | 4 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 185.27 | 0.00 | 24.88 | 56.69 | 13 |
| THAMES, [No Re.] 9, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | *1 | 0 | 111 | 163.98 | 28.95 | 624.87 | 244.74 | 8 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 20 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 264 | 668.11 | 89.60 | 1908.24 | 582.04 | 20 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 246.97 | 50.73 | 189.14 | 184.78 | 20 |
| CHARITY, 13, | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 125.72 | 5.45 | 243.44 | 25.02 | 12 |
| WOPWAGE, 14, | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | 139.66 | 11.88 | 146.92 | 46.85 | 8 |
| MONTAWESE, 15, | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 58.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4 |
| WASHINGTON, 16, | 29 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 350.62 | 34.99 | 0.00 | 34.99 | 29 |
| TRUMBULL, 17, | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 238.00 | .50 | 0.24 | 0.50 | 21 |
| Total, . . . | 223 | 18 | 24 | 23 | 16 | 3 | 3 | 2120 | 4659.49 | 561.08 | 7739.52 | 5359.49 | 923 | |

- * Andrew P. Potter, for licentiousness and charge of murder.
† Jeremiah Goodnough, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.
‡ Edward Hill, for embezzlement of funds of Stamford Bank.
§ For non-payment of dues.

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge,
I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from March to June, 1845.*

| Name and Number of Lodges. | No. Initiated. | Adm. by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | With. by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole No. in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole am't of General Fund on hand. | Whole am't of Widow and Orphan Fund. on hand. | Dues to Grand Lodge. |
|-------------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--|---|--|-------------------------|
| QUINTAPAC, No. 1, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5* | 1 | 0 | 435 | \$527.46 | \$83.24 | \$2181.71 | \$1788.89 | \$ 1 |
| CHARTER OAK, 2, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 201 | 232.38 | 53.00 | 33.68 | 598.72 | 11 |
| MIDDLESEX, 3, | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66† | 140.39 | 24.61 | 241.93 | 193.08 | 10 |
| PEQUANOCK, 4, | 21 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 209 | 370.02 | 55.74 | 1070.31 | 580.35 | 21 |
| HARMONY, 5, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 286 | 402.33 | 0.00 | 618.13 | 735.05 | 5 |
| OSKATONIC, 6, | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 157.50 | 28.95 | 320.26 | 229.04 | 13 |
| SAMRITAN, 7, | 12 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 168 | 288.83 | 45.00 | 637.64 | 400.36 | 12 |
| MERCANTILE, 8, | 22 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | 275.58 | 30.00 | 115.09 | 88.67 | 22 |
| THAMES, 9, | 19 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 240 | 356.43 | 78.31 | 1046.30 | 686.62 | 19 |
| OUR BROTHERS, 10, | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 170.04 | 28.95 | 683.45 | 273.69 | 6 |
| UNCAS, 11, | 13 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5† | 0 | 275 | 461.97 | 61.28 | 2161.21 | 643.32 | 13 |
| CENTRAL, 12, | 17 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 246.16 | 29.57 | 391.13 | 214.35 | 17 |
| CHARITY, 13, | 12 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 75 | 148.61 | 0.00 | 396.25 | 27.88 | 12 |
| WOPWAGE, 14, | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | 46.19 | 4.81 | 184.98 | 51.66 | 1 |
| MONTWASE, 15, | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 83.00 | 0.00 | 28.00 | 0.00 | 5 |
| WASHINGTON, 16, | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 112.68 | 18.13 | 0.00 | 49.13 | 8 |
| TRUMBULL, 17, | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 219.04 | 3.77 | 84.03 | 3.77 | 17 |
| NATHAN HALE, 18, | 34 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 399.56 | 5.45 | 0.00 | 5.45 | 34 |
| MYSTIC, 19, | 11 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 153.84 | 13.90 | 4.97 | 13.90 | 11 |
| FENWICK, 20, | 10 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 93.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 10 |
| Total, . . . | 248 | 25 | 4 | 24 | 13 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 12587 | 4885.01 | 564.71 | 10199.07 | 6583.93 | 248 |

* John J. Van York, for intemperance.

† S. G. Shaw, for intemperance.

‡ James Arthur, for drunkenness.

§ Edward F. Balcan, for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. (Reinstated, on appeal, by order of the G. Lodge, July, 1845.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF.

| LODGES. | | No. brothers relieved. | No. wid. fam. relieved. | No. brothers buried. | Paid for relief of brothers. | Paid for relief of widowed families. | Paid for educa. orphans. | Paid for burying the dead. | Total Amount. |
|----------------|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| QUINNIPIAC, | No. 1, . . | 129 | 1 | 2 | 1572 22 | 20.00 | 00 | 60.00 | 16 2.22 |
| CHARTER OAK, | " 2, . . | 37 | 2 | 3 | 525.00 | 75.00 | 00 | 30.00 | 600.00 |
| MIDDLESEX, | " 3, . . | 8 | 0 | | 136.00 | 00 | 00 | 30.00 | 166.00 |
| PEQUANOCK,* | " 4, . . | 18 | 0 | | 122.00 | | | 15.00 | 137.00 |
| HARMONY, | " 5, . . | 54 | 2 | 2 | 1269.50 | 20.00 | 00 | 15.00 | 1304.50 |
| OUSATONIC, | " 6, . . | 17 | 0 | 0 | 257.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 257.00 |
| SAMARITAN, | " 7, . . | 17 | 1 | 0 | 324.00 | 20.00 | 0.75 | 15.00 | 384.75 |
| MERCANTILE, | " 8, . . | 5 | 0 | 0 | 38.00 | 00 | | 0.00 | 38.00 |
| THAMES,* | " 9, . . | 34 | | | 288.00 | | | | 288.00 |
| OUR BROTHERS,* | " 10, . . | 19 | | | 203.00 | | | | 203.00 |
| UNCAS, | " 11, . . | 32 | 0 | 0 | 406.00 | 00 | 00 | 82.54 | 488.54 |
| CENTRAL, | " 12, . . | 17 | 0 | 0 | 63.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 63.00 |
| CHARITY, | " 13, . . | 9 | 0 | 0 | 66.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 66.00 |
| WOPOWAGE, | " 14, . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 16.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 16.00 |
| MONTAWESE, | " 15, . . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| WASHINGTON, | " 16, . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 46.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 46.00 |
| TRUMBULL, | " 17, . . | 2 | 0 | 0 | 19.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 19.00 |
| NATHAN HALE, | " 18, . . | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6.00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 6.00 |
| MYSTIC, | " 19, . . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| FENWICK, | " 20, . . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 |
| Total, | | 403 | 6 | 7 | 4956.72 | 135.00 | 0.75 | 247.54 | 5735.01 |

* Lodges No. 4, 9 and 10 have made no annual report. The items inserted are gathered from the reports of the last two quarters (six months) to the Grand Lodge.

SUBORDINATE LODGES,

Belonging to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.

| Name. | Where established. | | When Instituted. | Sessions. | Place of meeting. |
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| | Post Office. | County. | | | |
| QUENITAGO,* | No. 1, New Haven, | New Haven. | Sept. 3d, 1839. | Every Monday. | Temple, corner of Orange and Court sts. |
| CHARTER OAK,* | 2, Hartford, | Hartford. | 2 April 21st, 1840. | " Tuesday. | Southeast corner of Main and State sts. |
| MIDDLESEX,* | 3, E. Haddam Landing, | Middlesex. | 3 April 22d, 1840. | 1st and 3d Mondays. | Pratt's Hall, Bank street. |
| PEQUANOC, | 4, Bridgeport, | Fairfield. | 4 June 11th, 1841. | Every Tuesday. | |
| HARTFORD, | 5, New Haven, | New Haven. | 1 June 15th, 1841. | " Tuesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| OSWATONIC, | 6, Derby, | " " | 5 Oct. 13th, 1841. | " Monday. | Gates' Hall, Derby Narrows. |
| SAMANTIAN, | 7, Danbury, | Fairfield. | 6 May 5th, 1842. | " Wednesday. | |
| MERCANTILE, | 8, Hartford, | Hartford. | 2 June 13th, 1842. | " Friday. | Mercantile Hall, cor. Main and Temple sts. |
| THAMES, | 9, New London, | New London. | 7 Sept. 22d, 1842. | " Monday. | Douglass' Hall, Golden street. |
| OUR BROTHERS, | 10, Norwalk, | Fairfield. | 8 Oct. 19th, 1842. | " Monday. | |
| UNION, | 11, Norwich city, | New London. | 9 March 10th, 1843. | " Monday. | Shetucket street. |
| CENTRAL, | 12, Middletown, | Middlesex. | 10 June 12th, 1843. | " Thursday. | Main street. |
| CHARITY, | 13, Lower Mystic, | New London. | 11 April 11th, 1844. | " Wednesday. | |
| WOPWAGE, | 14, Milford, | New Haven. | 12 June 19th, 1844. | " Wednesday. | |
| MONTWASE, | 15, New Haven, | " " | 1 Jan. 8th, 1845. | " Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| WASHINGTON, | 16, Williamantic, | Windham. | 13 Dec. 26th, 1844. | " Monday. | Douglass' Hall, Golden street. |
| TAUNEBULL, | 17, New London, | New London. | 7 Dec. 20th, 1844. | " Wednesday. | |
| NATHAN HALE, | 18, Tolland, | Tolland. | 14 Jan. 17th, 1845. | " Wednesday. | |
| MYSTIC, | 19, Upper Mystic, | New London. | 15 Feb. 27th, 1845. | " Thursday. | |
| FENWICK, | 20, Essexborough, | Middlesex. | 16 March 19th, 1845. | " Thursday. | |
| NOABOGAN, | 21, Waterbury, | New Haven. | 5 July 1st, 1845. | " Thursday. | |
| FARMERS & MERCHANTS, | 22, Warehouse Point, | Hartford. | 2 June 12th, 1845. | " Wednesday. | |
| AGLUTON, | 23, Granby, | " " | 8 August 20th, 1845. | " Wednesday. | |
| RITOWAN, | 24, Stamford, | Fairfield. | 8 Oct. 1st, 1845. | " Wednesday. | |
| OAKLAND, | 25, Oakland, | Hartford. | 2 Oct. 9th, 1845. | " Wednesday. | |

* Original charters from Grand Lodge of United States.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

OFFICERS FOR 1945-6.

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| M. W. HENRY L. MILLER, | <i>Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, | <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr. | <i>Grand Warden.</i> |
| R. W. CHAS. W. BRADLEY, P. G. M. | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | } <i>Grand Representatives.</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL B. BRITTAN, | |
| W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i> |
| W. JOHN W. JOHNSON, | <i>Grand Marshal.</i> |
| W. PHILO M. JUDSON, | <i>Grand Conductor.</i> |
| W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, | <i>Grand Guardian.</i> |

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FREDERICK CROSWELL, CHARLES W. BRADLEY,
JAMES B. GILMAN, SHELDON BASSETT,
JOHN L. DEVOTION.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

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| Dis. No. 1, JOBAMAH GUNN. | Dis. No. 9, PHILO M. JUDSON. |
| " " 2, EDWARD BUTTON. | " " 10, L. C. HUBBARD. |
| " " 3, THOMAS C. BORDMAN. | " " 11, AMOS CLAPP. |
| " " 4, S. B. BRITTAN. | " " 12, JOHN N. BUCKINGHAM. |
| " " 5, JAMES KNERINGER. | " " 13, LLOYD E. BALDWIN. |
| " " 6, <i>Grand Warden.</i> | " " 14, HENRY F. GARDNER. |
| " " 7, GEORGE W. BROWN. | " " 15, L. F. SMITH. |
| " " 8, S. W. CHAMBERLIN. | " " 16, JUNIUS M. WILLEY. |

Committee on the State of the Order.

CHAS. A. CONVERSE, SHELDON BASSETT, A. C. HEITMANN,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN, ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN.

Committee on Finance.

NOAH CHANDLER, JOHN C. PALMER, LUCIUS G. PECK.

Committee on Stationery and Printing.

GUY R. PHELPS, ORIGEN UTLEY, CHARLES W. BRADLEY.

Committee on Grievances.

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| GEORGE N. SEAGRAVE, | No. 1, | C. A. CONVERSE, | No. 11, |
| HENRY HASTINGS, | " 2, | L. C. HUBBARD, | " 12, |
| R. S. PRATT, | " 3, | WILLIAM MEEKER, | " 13, |
| GEORGE WALTER, | " 4, | BENJAMIN P. BUSH, | " 14, |
| LOUIS L. BEECHER, | " 5, | HENRY H. JEWETT, | " 15, |
| H. N. HAWKINS, | " 6, | LLOYD E. BALDWIN, | " 16, |
| E. T. FARNAM, | " 7, | WILLIAM W. KINGSLEY, | " 17, |
| J. A. AYRAULT, | " 8, | H. F. GARDNER, | " 18, |
| A. S. WIGHTMAN, | " 9, | L. F. SMITH, | " 19, |
| SAMUEL H. BAILEY, | " 10, | JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | " 20. |

MEMBERS.*Time of Admission.*

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| 1840—Nov. | 24. | Frederick Croswell,* | No. 1. |
| | | Samuel Bishop, | No. 1. |
| | | William E. Vibbert, | No. 1. |
| | | James B. Gilman, | No. 2. |
| | | John C. Palmer, | No. 3. |
| 1841—Jan. | 14. | John Moore, | No. 2. |
| April | 8. | Thomas J. Stafford, | No. 1. |
| | | Robinson S. Hinman,† | No. 1. |
| | | Nathan M. Waterman, | No. 2. |
| | | Richard S. Pratt, | No. 3. |
| July | 8. | Adrian S. Heitmann, | No. 1. |
| | | Charles W. Bradley, | No. 3. |
| Oct. | 14. | William H. Ellis, | No. 1. |
| | | James B. Shultas, | No. 2. |
| | | Benjamin F. Folger, | No. 2. |
| | | James W. Newell, Jr. | No. 5. |
| 1842—Jan. | 13. | John G. Hotchkiss,† | No. 1. |
| | | Guy R. Phelps, | No. 2. |
| | | George Walter, | No. 4. |
| | | Joseph G. Anthony, | No. 5. |
| April | 14. | Lucius A. Thomas, | No. 1. |
| | | Gilson Landon, | No. 4. |
| | | Sheldon Bassett, | No. 6. |
| July | 14. | Jonas B. Bowditch, | No. 1. |
| | | Thomas C. Hollis, | No. 5. |
| | | Robert Gates, Jr. | No. 6. |
| Oct. | 18. | Henry H. Dickinson, | No. 2. |
| | | Porter H. Snow, | No. 3. |
| | | John M. Wilson, | No. 4. |
| | | Eliphalet B. Stevens, | No. 4. |
| | | Samuel O. Merwin, | No. 5. |
| | | Dennis Carrington, | No. 5. |

* Transferred to No. 15.

† Deceased.

| Time of Admission. | | |
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| 1842—Oct. | 18. Samuel B. Brittan,* | No. 7. |
| | 27. Benjamin R. Hitchcock, | No. 1. |
| 1843—Jan. | 12. William A. Goodwin, | No. 1. |
| | William W. Kingsley, | No. 3. |
| | Joseph Crosby, | No. 4. |
| | Noah Chandler, | No. 5. |
| | April 20. Isaac Judson, | No. 1. |
| | Joel Pratt, 3d,† | No. 2. |
| | Thomas C. Bordman, | No. 3. |
| | Luther Boardman, | No. 3. |
| | Frederick Griffith, | No. 4. |
| | Robert H. Starr, | No. 5. |
| July | Robert R. Wood, | No. 6. |
| | Stephen A. Hurlbut, | No. 7. |
| | Rowland A. Robbins, | No. 8. |
| | Jesse Rich, | No. 9. |
| | David H. Plumb, | No. 10. |
| | July 13. Prelate Demick, | No. 1. |
| | William W. Bedient, | No. 7. |
| | Allen S. Wightman, | No. 9. |
| | Asa E. Smith, | No. 10. |
| | John L. Devotion, | No. 11. |
| 1844—Jan. | 11. Charles Ball, | No. 1. |
| | Newell C. Hall, | No. 1. |
| | E. C. Kellogg, | No. 2. |
| | John W. Johnson, | No. 2. |
| | William L. Watson, | No. 4. |
| | Ammon Williams, | No. 4. |
| | Clark Beach, | No. 5. |
| | John C. Hayden, | No. 5. |
| | Stephen Lawton, | No. 5. |
| | James Kneringer, | No. 6. |
| | Simeon Tomlinson, | No. 6. |
| | John L. Ambler, | No. 7. |
| | Henry L. Miller, | No. 8. |
| | Augustus G. Seaman, | No. 9. |
| | Orrin F. Smith, | No. 9. |
| | Cholwell J. Gruman, | No. 10. |
| | Stephen Olmsted, | No. 10. |
| | Samuel R. Bunting, | No. 10. |
| | Edward W. Eells, | No. 11. |
| | James D. Mowry, | No. 11. |
| July | Stephen M. Shaddick, | No. 12. |
| | Erastus H. Booth, | No. 12. |
| | 11. Ralph Warren, | No. 1. |
| | Alexander O. Coburn, | No. 1. |

* Transferred to No. 4.

† Deceased.

| Time of Admission. | | |
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| 1844—July | 11. | Henry Hastings, No. 2. |
| | | Edward Hamilton, No. 4. |
| | | William S. Atkinson, No. 4. |
| | | John A. Parmelee, No. 5. |
| | | Andrew L. Brown, No. 5. |
| | | Lewis Hotchkiss, No. 6. |
| | | Horatio N. Hawkins, No. 6. |
| | | Ely Burritt, No. 6. |
| | | Sydney Alling, No. 6. |
| | | John Greenwood, Jr., No. 7. |
| | | Ezra Clark, Jr., No. 8. |
| | | A. M. Gordon, No. 8. |
| | | Charles E. Hewitt, No. 9. |
| | | Henry Champlain, No. 9. |
| | | Asa Hill, No. 10. |
| | | Richard S. Bucknam, No. 10. |
| | | Charles A. Converse, No. 11. |
| | | Origen Utley, No. 12. |
| | | William Meeker, No. 13. |
| 1845—Jan. | 8. | Charles K. Brown, No. 1. |
| | | Edward Button, No. 2. |
| | | Benjamin H. Mills, No. 4. |
| | | John W. Wilmot, No. 4. |
| | | Louis L. Beecher, No. 5. |
| | | Jobamah Gunn, No. 5. |
| | | Munson A. Shepherd, No. 7. |
| | | James A. Ayrault, No. 8. |
| | | Edson Fessenden, No. 8. |
| | | Henry Stayner, No. 9. |
| | | Eli Curtis, No. 10. |
| | | James A. Quintard, No. 10. |
| | | Philo M. Judson, No. 11. |
| | | William C. Potter, No. 11. |
| | | Frederick Brewer, No. 12. |
| | | Benjamin P. Bush, No. 14. |
| | | John N. Buckingham, No. 14. |
| July | 9. | Daniel H. Moore, No. 1. |
| | | George N. Seagrave, No. 1. |
| | | Thomas H. Seymour, No. 2. |
| | | Timothy Sheldon, No. 2. |
| | | Mason Smith, No. 2. |
| | | Benajah Mallory, No. 4. |
| | | Jared B. Collins, No. 4. |
| | | Lucius G. Peck, No. 5. |
| | | William H. Stanley, No. 5. |
| | | William N. Priestly, No. 6. |
| | | George Bristol, No. 6. |

Time of Admission.

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| 1845—July | 9. David P. Nichols, | No. 7. |
| | Alexander Lane, | No. 7. |
| | Ethel T. Farnam, | No. 7. |
| | William B. Ely, | No. 8. |
| | James C. Walkley, | No. 8. |
| | Abel N. Clarke, | No. 8. |
| | John W. Danforth, | No. 8. |
| | George W. Brown, | No. 9. |
| | Samuel W. Chamberlin, | No. 10. |
| | Samuel H. Bailey, | No. 10. |
| | David Young, | No. 11. |
| | Aaron G. Pease, | No. 12. |
| | Langdon C. Hubbard, | No. 12. |
| | James S. Parmelee, | No. 12. |
| | George Cornwall, 2d, | No. 14. |
| | Henry H. Jewett, | No. 15. |
| | Truman Hart, | No. 15. |
| | Smith Collins, | No. 15. |
| | Lloyd E. Baldwin, | No. 16. |
| | Cyril C. Hughes, | No. 17. |
| | William S. Noyes, | No. 17. |
| | Henry F. Gardner, | No. 18. |
| | L. F. Smith, | No. 19. |
| | Junius M. Wiley, | No. 20. |

SPECIAL SESSION.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 12th, 1845.

The R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened in Special Session at 7 o'clock, P. M., in pursuance of a call of the Most Worthy Grand Master.

PRESENT :

R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, *Deputy Grand Master*,
 W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, " No. 20, *Grand Chaplain*,
 W. PHILO M. JUDSON, " No. 11, *Grand Conductor*,
 W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, " No. 10, *Grand Guardian*;

and a representation from Nos. 1, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 15.

The Chair appointed Rep. Thomas, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.* P. G. Samuel B. Gorham, of No. 1, P. G. W. L. Brewer, of No. 11, and P. G. W. E. Sanford, of No. 15, presented their certificates of election as additional representatives from their respective lodges. The certificates on examination being found correct, they were admitted, instructed in the Grand Lodge degree and took their seats.

Rep. Brewer presented to the Grand Lodge the following letter, addressed to the Grand Master :

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11, I. O. O. F., }
NORWICH, Aug. 25, 1845. }

To the M. W. G. Master Henry L. Miller, of the G. L. of the I. O. O. F.
of Connecticut :

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At a session of this lodge held as per above date, the following preamble and resolutions were passed :—

“Whereas, on the 3d day of March, A. D. 1845, Edward F. Balcam, then a member of this lodge, was by a lawful vote thereof expelled from the same ; and whereas the said Edward F. Balcam, feeling aggrieved by the decision of the lodge in that behalf, appealed therefrom to the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, holden at New Haven on the 9th day of July, 1845, for a new trial, and the said Grand Lodge upon a hearing of said appeal, ordered this lodge to reinstate the said Balcam without a new trial, in the privileges of membership thereof ; it is therefore

Resolved, That in the opinion of this lodge, the said Grand Lodge in ordering the said Balcam to be reinstated as a member of this lodge without a new trial, transcended their authority and infringed the rights and privileges guaranteed to this lodge by the Constitution.

Resolved, That the N. G. of this lodge be and he hereby is authorized and directed to request of the proper authority permission to appeal from the aforesaid decision of the Grand Lodge of this state, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and if permission be granted, to cause such appeal to be prosecuted to final judgment.

In accordance with the foregoing resolution, I would respectfully request permission to enter such an appeal, to be heard and determined by the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, in September next following.

[L. S.]

Witness my hand and the Seal of this lodge,
this 25th day of August, A. D. 1845.

WILLIAM L. BREWER, *N. G. Uncas Lodge*.

Rep. Hall offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Uncas Lodge have leave to appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States from the action of this Grand Lodge, in ordering said Uncas Lodge to reinstate B. F. Balcam.

The question being put on adopting the resolution, it was decided in the negative.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in regular form.

Attest,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }
 NEW HAVEN, JAN. 14, 1846. }

This being the day appointed by its Constitution and Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, assembled in Semi-annual Session.

The Rev. and W. Grand Chaplain addressed the throne of grace, after which, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The roll being called, there were found present,—

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| M. W. HENRY L. MILLER, | of No. 8, <i>Grand Master</i> , |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, | " No. 1, <i>Deputy Grand Master</i> , |
| R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., | " No. 7, <i>Grand Warden</i> , |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | " No. 3, <i>Grand Secretary</i> , |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | " No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer</i> , |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | " No. 15, <i>1st Grand Representative</i> , |
| W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | " No. 20, <i>Grand Chaplain</i> , |
| W. JOHN W. JOHNSON, | " No. 2, <i>Grand Marshal</i> , |
| W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, | " No. 10, <i>Grand Guardian</i> ; |

and the following representatives, viz: from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1; Adrian C. Heitmann, Lucius A. Thomas, William A. Goodwin, Isaac Judson, Newell C. Hall, Ralph Warren, Alexander O. Coburn, Charles K. Brown, George N. Seagrave, Samuel B. Gorham.

Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2; None.

Middlesex Lodge, No. 3; Richard S. Pratt.

Pequanock Lodge, No. 4; George Walter, John M. Wilson.

Harmony Lodge, No. 5; J. G. Anthony, Thomas C. Hollis, Noah Chandler, Clark Beach, John C. Hayden, John A. Parmelee, Louis L. Beecher, Jobamah Gunn, Lucius G. Peck, William H. Stanley.

Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6; James Kneringer, Simon Temlinson, Lewis Hotchkiss, Ely Burritt, Horatio N. Hawkins.

Samaritan Lodge, No. 7; Stephen A. Harlbut, William W. Bedient, Munson A. Shepard, Ethel T. Farnam.

Mercantile Lodge, No. 8; A. M. Gordon, Abel N. Clark.

Thames Lodge, No. 9; Allen S. Wightman, Henry Champlain.

Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10; Asa Hill, James A. Quintard, Samuel W. Chamberlin.

Uncas Lodge, No. 11; David Young, William L. Brewer.

Central Lodge, No. 12; Origen Utley, Frederick Brewer, James S. Parmelee.

Charity Lodge, No. 13; William Meeker.

Wopowage Lodge, No. 14 ; John N. Buckingham, George Cornwall, 2d.

Montawese Lodge, No. 15 ; Henry H. Jewett, Truman Hart, William E. Sanford.

Washington Lodge, No. 16 ; Lloyd E. Baldwin.

Trumbull Lodge, No. 17 ; Cyril C. Hughes.

Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18 ; Henry F. Gardner.

In the absence of the G. Conductor, Rep. Young, of No. 11, was appointed G. Conductor, *pro tempore*.

The Chair announced as the Committee on Elections, Reps. Chamberlin, of No. 10, Brewer, of No. 11, and Meeker, of No. 13.

The G. Secretary commenced the reading of the minutes of the last annual and special sessions. On motion, the further reading of the said minutes was dispensed with.

The Committee on Elections made a report [No. 1] on the additional representatives elected to this Grand Lodge, who were in waiting to be admitted. Report accepted.

The following representatives elect were then instructed in the Grand Lodge degree, and took their seats as members, viz :—from

Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1 ; Walter Osborn, William Goodwin.

Charter Oak, No. 2 ; Joseph W. Hale.

Harmony, No. 5 ; George Lines.

Ousatonic, No. 6 ; Charles Smith, Matthew Donnalley.

Samaritan, No. 7 ; William F. Hoyt, William A. Judd.

Thames, No. 9 ; Samuel Barry.

Our Brothers, No. 10 ; Levi Clark, George H. Randle.

Wopowage, No. 14 ; F. C. Dayton.

Montawese, No. 15 ; Luther P. Bradley.

Nathan Hale, No. 18 ; Solomon L. Griggs, William W. Brace.

Mystic, No. 19 ; Albert Saunders.

Fenwick, No. 20 ; Nathan Pratt.

Nosahogan, No. 21 ; William M. Pemberton.

Farmers and Mechanics, No. 22 ; Bezaleel Sexton, William J. Whipple.

Rippowam, No. 24 ; Benjamin B. Hallock, William H. Buxton.

Oakland, No. 25 ; Melancthon Hudson.

Resolution that when this Grand Lodge shall adjourn, it adjourn to 7 o'clock this evening : passed.

The Grand Master made the following report :

R. W. Grand Officers and Representatives :—

We are again assembled to deliberate upon all questions of interest and importance that may be presented for our consideration, and to devise and perfect plans and measures for the prosperity and advancement of our ancient and honourable Order. And it becomes us, with united hearts, to render thanks to our Heavenly Father for the many favours and blessings which we, as individuals and as a society, have received from His hands.

Since we were last assembled, an unusual degree of health has prevailed among our members, and harmony and peace have reigned in your midst. A large number have added themselves to our fraternity. Five new lodges have sprung into being. Benevolence and Charity have, with liberal hand, supplied the wants of the infirm, the sick and the needy. The orphan's tears have been dried up, the widow's heart has been made to leap for joy; the world has learned to look with less suspicion upon us; prejudice has been weakened, and from the lips of many of the uninitiated has burst forth the exclamation, "See how these love one another!" We ourselves have richly experienced the benefits of our association. Friendship, Love and Truth have abounded among us, and we have had practical demonstration that "it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity."

I regret that by the present mode of making returns by the secretaries of subordinate lodges, I am not able to present to you, in detail, the exact condition of the lodges in this state at the close of their last quarter. I am aware that the information will be brought before you during the session by the proper committee; but would suggest whether it would not be desirable that it should be embodied in the reports of the Grand Master. I have sufficient information to justify the announcement, that at no previous period have our prospects been more flattering than at the present time.

It is a gratifying fact, that on referring to the returns from the several state lodges to the Grand Lodge of the United States in September last, it will be found that our own state ranks among the foremost, in the relative proportion of its lodges, its members, the amount disbursed for the sick, the needy, the widow and the orphan, and the limited number who have been suspended, expelled or removed by death.

During the period of my administration, I have visited, accompanied by the Grand Marshal, the following subordinate lodges, viz :—

On the 5th of August, I visited Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, at Tolland. This lodge has been instituted one year, and has about eighty members. Great interest is felt by its members in each other, and strong attachment to their lodge and to the Order. Men of station and honour, and of high moral character, are foremost in its ranks.

On the 5th inst., I visited Washington Lodge, No. 16, at Willimantic. We were kindly received, and found the lodge in a flourishing condition. This lodge was instituted December 26th, 1844. It has about eighty members, and occupies a beautiful hall, appropriately furnished, and conspicuous upon its walls are mottoes of moral sentiment and truth, worthy to be treasured in the heart of every Odd Fellow.

On the 6th inst., I visited Uncas Lodge, No. 11, at Norwich. This lodge was instituted March 10th, 1843, and has about three hundred members. It has a fund of about three thousand dollars, and has always been in a prosperous condition. It is worthy of high praise for the prudent management of its funds, and is distinguished in having furnished so many valuable officers and members of this Grand Lodge.

On the 7th inst., I visited Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, at New London. This lodge was instituted December 20th, 1844, and has about eighty members. Enterprise, intelligence and zeal distinguish the members of this lodge, many of whom will, I doubt not, attain a high rank in the honours of our Order, and ever be highly valued as friends and brothers.

On the 8th inst., I visited Charity Lodge, No. 13, at Lower Mystic. This lodge was instituted April 11, 1844, and has about seventy members, who are, most of them, in middle life, but the *warmth and ardour of youth is not abated*. With minds matured by reflection and experience, they appreciate the true value of friendship. Brotherly love unites their hearts as one man, and their care for the widow and orphan clearly shows that the deep recesses of the soul have been lighted up with benevolence and love.

On the 9th inst., I visited Mystic Lodge, No. 19, at Upper Mystic. This lodge was instituted February 27th, 1845, and has about thirty members. The brothers of this lodge seem to vie with each other in acts of kindness, and are alive to the performance of every duty, doing much to commend the principles of our Order to the uninitiated.

On the 18th of September, I visited Central Lodge, No. 12, located at Middletown. This lodge was instituted June 12th, 1843, and has about one hundred and sixty members. The interest in this lodge is well sustained; its influence in the community where it is located is felt, and prejudice has been long since put to silence.

On the 29th of the same month, I visited Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, in this city. This lodge was instituted September 3d, 1839. It has about four hundred and fifty members, and a fund of about \$4000. It is the oldest lodge in the state, and it would be superfluous to say, that it is one of the noblest pillars in the "Temple" of Odd Fellowship. Its members are bright and shining lights, and ornaments truly of our Order.

On the 30th of September, I visited Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, at Norwalk. This lodge was instituted October 19th, 1842, and

has about one hundred and eighty members. We might speak in the highest praise of this lodge. A laudable pride exists in the performance of the work of the Order. Great interest is felt in the prosperity of the lodge. They occupy a beautifully decorated hall, and give abundant evidence that the past is a fore-shadowing of future prosperity.

On the 20th day of August, on application from Joseph L. Dennis, Watson Dewey, Lester H. Holcomb, Chester Seymour, and Josiah C. Banning, brothers and members of our Order, residing in the town of Granby, I granted a dispensation to open and constitute a subordinate lodge, to be known and hailed by the name of Acanthus Lodge, No. 23, and, assisted by Grand Marshal J. W. Johnson, brother Thomas H. Seymour, as D. Grand Master, *pro. tem.*, and brother Jared B. Flagg, Grand Chaplain, *pro. tem.*, instituted their lodge and installed their officers.

On the 1st day of October, on application from Joseph D. Warner, Lorenzo Meeker, William H. H. Hallock, William P. Miner, and William H. Buxton, brothers and members of our Order, residing in the town of Stamford, I granted a dispensation to open and constitute a subordinate lodge, to be known and hailed by the name of Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, and on that day, assisted by Grand Marshal Johnson, D. D. G. M. Chamberlain, of No. 8, with several brothers of Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, instituted the lodge and installed their officers.

On the 9th day of October, on application from Melancthon Hudson, H. W. Hudson, Andrew Outtersen, John Outtersen, and Henry C. Woodbridge, residents of the village of Oakland, in the town of Manchester, I granted a dispensation to open and constitute a new lodge, to be known and hailed by the name of Oakland Lodge, No. 25, and on that day, assisted by G. M. Johnson, D. D. G. M. Edward Button, brothers Thomas H. Seymour, Jared B. Flagg, Calvin Spencer, and others, instituted the lodge and installed their officers.

On the 12th day of December, on application from Charles H. Smith, Reuben C. Hancox, George Hebard, James W. Murray, and Russell A. Denison, brothers and members of our Order, and residents of the town of Stonington, I granted a dispensation to open and constitute a lodge, to be known and hailed by the name of Stonington Lodge, No. 26, and, assisted by G. M. Johnson, D. D. G. M. Cliff, of district No. 11, and brothers of Charity Lodge, No. 13, and Mystic Lodge, No. 19, on that day instituted the lodge and installed its officers.

On the 1st day January, on application from James D. Mowry and nineteen brothers, members of our Order, residents of Greenville, in the town of Norwich, I granted a dispensation to open and constitute a lodge, to be known and hailed by the name of Owene-co Lodge, No. 27, and, by special dispensation, authorized and empowered P. G. Master John L. Devotion, with the aid of Grand

Conductor P. M. Judson, to institute said lodge and install its officers, on or before the 14th day of the present month, which service was performed, as appears by the returns of P. G. M. Devotion, on the 10th inst.

I respectfully recommend that charters be granted to the above lodges, fully assured that the interests of our Order have been confided to brothers who are true and faithful, worthy of our entire confidence, and second to none for character and influence, moral and religious, in the places where they dwell. The first four of which have already made large additions to their numbers, and by their prudence and discretion, in admitting only persons of unblemished reputation, have done much to dissipate the prejudice that yet, to some extent, exists in our state, where the principles and tendencies of our benevolent and charitable institution have been imperfectly understood.

On the 14th day of August, I received a communication from S. W. Chamberlin, D. D. G. M. of District No. 8, asking for permission for Melancthon Lodge, No. 163, at Port Chester, New York, to receive and initiate in their lodge sundry residents of Greenwich, in this state. Also, on the 20th of the same month, a communication from Asa W. Davis, M. W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, asking permission for ——— Lodge, at Westerly, Rhode Island, to receive and initiate sundry residents of Stonington, in this state. To both of which applications I replied, that by the provisions of the charter granted to the Grand Lodge of this state, no power was vested in me to grant such permission.

On the 24th day of November, I received a communication from a committee of Thames Lodge, No. 9, calling my attention to the improper use of some of the signs of the Order, in several publications, in some sense under the patronage of our Order, referring particularly to the "Covenant" and "Offering." In accordance with my reply to that communication, I present the matter for your consideration.

On the 20th day of October, I received a communication from P. G. William Mercer, of Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, signed as Secretary of Covenant Degree Lodge, No. 1, accompanied by a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws adopted by sundry brothers of Thames and Trumbull Lodges, who have associated themselves together as a Degree Lodge, asking my approval. While the objects sought, "the more thoroughly perfecting brothers in the degrees," and "securing a more uniform attendance at degree meetings," met with my entire approbation; yet, believing that their organization might conflict with the rights and duties of the D. D. G. Master, and exceed the powers granted to subordinates by this Grand Lodge; and further, that a plan embracing so much in its design should rather emanate from this Grand Lodge, I felt constrained to withhold my sanction, recommending the brothers to bring the subject to your consideration at

your present session : and from the high character and standing of the brothers who have thus associated themselves together, their zeal and devotion to the best interests of the Order, their suggestions merit, and I know will surely receive, your careful attention.

On the 28th day of August, I received a letter from the N. G. of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, inclosing resolutions passed by said lodge, directing their N. G. to ask permission to appeal from the decision of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at their annual session in September, in the matter of Edward F. Balcum, who, having been expelled by said Uncas Lodge, on the 3d day of March last, was, by vote of this Grand Lodge, at its annual session in July, reinstated without a new trial ; wherein it was claimed on the part of Uncas Lodge, that this Grand Lodge had transcended its authority, and infringed the rights and privileges guaranteed to Uncas Lodge by its constitution. Although intrusted with full powers to decide on the application, in the recess of the Grand Lodge, I felt great embarrassment with regard to my decision. On the one hand, a respectful request for permission to appeal, on the part of a subordinate lodge, should always be treated with deference, and complied with, unless important reasons exist for a refusal. On the other hand, here were charges of a high character against the legislation of this Grand Lodge. To grant the petition, might prejudice this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of the United States, and would seem to require the assent of this Grand Lodge ; and the fact that the representatives of Uncas Lodge neglected to avail themselves of the opportunity to apply to the Grand Lodge, when in session in July, for such permission to appeal, might be thought to weaken their claim for such indulgence. In this view of the case, feeling unwilling to refuse, and hesitating to grant the request, with the approbation of such officers and members of the Grand Lodge as I had opportunity of consulting, I called a special session of the Grand Lodge to hear and decide upon the said application for appeal, which was held in this hall on the 12th day of September, for the doings of which, I refer you to the records of the proceedings of said special session.

I would respectfully suggest the propriety of defining more explicitly, by resolution or otherwise, what rule shall henceforth govern this Grand Lodge relative to appeals from members of subordinate lodges ; and also, whether any new legislation is necessary relative to the payment of expenses that may be incurred by the holding of special sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of the United States having required that after the first day of the present month, all visiting cards shall be countersigned by their Grand Secretary, the cards in the hands of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge have been returned, and new ones received, which are now ready for delivery.

The Grand Lodge of the United States have revised the work of our Order, with the lectures and charges connected with the Degrees.

The work has been received, and is intended for use on and after the first day of the present month. After being officially informed of its adoption, I requested the Grand Secretary to notify the D. D. G. Masters of the several districts, and the Noble Grands of the several lodges in this state, that the new work would be furnished to the subordinates at our present session. This course was deemed advisable to secure accuracy and uniformity in the work of subordinates, which, it was thought, would be best accomplished by instruction to the D. D. G. Masters and the members of this Grand Lodge by our Right Worthy Grand Representatives.

The adoption of this revised work will form a new era in the history of our Order. The task was confided to an able committee, and perfected by the united counsel and wisdom of the Grand Lodge. So far as a hasty glance enables me to judge, their labour has not been in vain. Some legislation may be necessary on the part of this Grand Lodge, to secure a strict adherence to the work on the part of subordinates, which is made incumbent on us by a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The committee who were appointed to arrange and present a plan for the safe keeping of the funds of subordinate lodges, with power to report to the Grand Master during the recess, have not submitted any plan for my action, but will probably report to this Grand Lodge.

The districting system, and other subjects of interest, which were brought forward at the last session, and laid over by the rules of this Grand Lodge, will come before you for deliberation, in all of which, I doubt not, you will be conducted to wise and happy results.

Permit me, brothers, in conclusion, to express the strong and pleasing conviction of my heart, that Odd Fellowship in this state rests upon a foundation that cannot be shaken. Its principles have sunk deep into a goodly soil; many highly cultivated minds have taken a place in our ranks. Men of all professions and employments have cast in their lot with us. The religious portion of the community are better informed with regard to the character and objects of our association. Our own members seem fully resolved to prove, by their lives, that Odd Fellowship is second only to Christian Fellowship, in its influence on the character and destiny of man in this world of selfishness, oppression and sin.

I rely upon your kind indulgence in my endeavours to preside over your deliberations to your acceptance. May Friendship, Love and Truth characterize your present session, and may all your decisions tend to promote the best good of our Order, so that when we separate we may all feel that it has been good for ourselves, and for those whose interests we are called to watch over and provide for, that we have been permitted to hold this session of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.

HENRY L. MILLER, *G. M. of G. L. of Connecticut.*

On motion, the Grand Master's address was referred to a special committee of three. Reps. Johnson, of No. 2, Brewer, of No. 11, and Griggs, of No. 18, were appointed.

Appeals of John Gallagher, of No. 5, Joseph G. Tuttle, of No. 6, and W. C. Stow, of No. 14; referred, without reading, to the Committee on Grievances.

The G. Treasurer presented his semi-annual report; which was read, accepted and ordered on file.

Rep. Wightman, of No. 9, was excused from further service on the Committee on Grievances, at his own request; and Rep. Champlain, of No. 9, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Several bills were referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Oakland Lodge, No. 25, for alteration of the District system: referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

By-Laws of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, Acanthus Lodge, No. 23, and Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, submitted and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Baldwin, of No. 16, asked to be excused from further serving on the Committee on Grievances: Excused,—and Rep. Hughes, of No. 17, appointed in his stead.

Rep. Gardner, from the same Committee, was excused, at his own request; and Rep. Brace, of No. 18, was substituted.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, moved that instruction in the new work be made the order of the day, at 9 o'clock, this evening: carried.

The special committee, to whom was referred the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, reported,—recommending that so much of said Report as relates to dispensations granted, and applications for charters, be referred to the Standing Committee on the State of the Order. That so much thereof as relates to the organization of a new Degree Lodge, be referred to a select committee of three. That so much thereof as relates to applications from lodges in other states for permission to initiate persons residing in this state, be referred to a select committee of three. That so much thereof as relates to appeals desired to be taken by subordinate lodges, from decisions of this Grand Lodge, in its recess, be referred to a select committee of three. That so much thereof as relates to the unauthorized and improper publication of the signs of this Order, be referred to a select committee of three. Report of committee accepted, the matters as therein recommended referred, and the committee discharged.

The Grand Master appointed the following select committees, to wit:—On so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the Organization of a Degree Lodge,—Reps. Hollis, of No. 5, Tomlinson, of No. 6, R. S. Pratt, of No. 3. On so much of said report as relates to Appeals desired to be taken by Subordinate Lodges, from Decisions of this Grand Lodge, in its recess,—Reps. Thomas, of No. 1, Griggs, of No. 18, and Parmelee, of No. 12. On so much of said report as relates to the unauthorized and improper Publication of the Signs of the Order,—Reps. Pratt, of No. 3, Sexton, of No. 22, Hale, of No. 2. On so much of said report as relates to Applications from Lodges in other States for permission to Initiate persons residing in this State,—Reps. Gardner, of No. 18, Brewer, of No. 12, Whipple, of No. 22.

Report of the R. W. Deputy Grand Master, with accompanying reports from the several District Deputies: read, accepted and ordered on file.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

Rep. Farnam presented a communication from Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee on Grievances made a report in the matter of J. Gallagher, an appellant of Harmony Lodge, No. 5. Report recommitted, with instructions to the committee to report *in extenso*.

Report of the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Applications from Lodges of other States for permission to Initiate persons residing in this State: laid on the table.

The Standing Committee on Elections made a report [No. 2] on additional representatives elected to this Grand Lodge, who were in waiting to be admitted. Report accepted.

The Grand Lodge degree was conferred on the following duly qualified Past Grands, to wit: from

Middlesex, No. 3; Francis M. Palmer, Daniel Cone.

Harmony, No. 5; William N. Clayton.

Nosahogan, No. 21; Charles U. C. Burton.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported the following rates of payment to representatives from new lodges, for

mileage :—from Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, \$4.00 ; Farmers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 22, \$6.00 ; Acanthus Lodge, No. 23, \$6.00 ; Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, \$7.00 ; Oakland Lodge, No. 25, \$6.00 ; Stonington Lodge, No. 26, \$9.00 ; Owaneco Lodge, No. 27, \$9.00. Report accepted.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Quarterly Returns of the several subordinate lodges, reported the same to be correct ; and that no Returns had been received from Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18. Report accepted.

Report of the same committee, on the By-Laws of Pequannock, Nosahogan, Acanthus and Rippowam Lodges ;—stating that upon the very cursory examination which the time of the committee had allowed, they had discovered nothing therein inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge. Report accepted.

Report of the Committee on Finance on bills rendered and referred : report accepted and bills ordered to be paid.

Resolution by Rep. Peck, of No. 5 ;—that the new Working and Degree Books be charged over to the subordinate lodges, at cost : resolution negatived.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on general subjects, with accompanying resolutions :

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, the Committee on the State of the Order herewith submit their report upon the various subjects connected with the welfare of the Order, under this jurisdiction.

The late Grand Master, in his annual report, recommended a change in the regulation of districts ; and a proposition for an alteration of the Constitution, adapting it to such a change, was then submitted. The district system has been the occasion of much trouble between the subordinate lodges, and, as your committee believe, will ever continue to be a cause of difficulty. For this reason alone, were there no others, they would deem it best to abolish the law ; believing that all legislation of the Grand Lodge should be such as will produce the utmost harmony among the subordinate lodges. But there are other and important reasons why the law should be repealed : it has ever been a source of inconvenience to persons desirous of joining the Order, who reside in towns where there are no lodges, from the fact that by the present arrangement of districts, they are compelled to go to a certain lodge. Your committee fear that much unfriendly feeling has already been engendered between different lodges by this law, and they are not aware of a single instance where it has been productive of any good.

The only argument ever urged in favour of the present district system, was, that it would benefit lodges in the smaller towns ; but past experience has failed to verify this idea. As far as your committee have been able to ascertain, no similar regulation exists in any other state. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the amendment to Art. VII. of the Constitution, as proposed at the annual session.

A proposition was laid on the table, at the last regular session, to amend the Constitution of Subordinates, (Art. V. Sec. 2d,) so as to require the appointment of a chaplain in each subordinate lodge. In the opinion of your committee, this is a measure entirely uncalled for, and they would beg to invite particular attention to the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session in 1844, (p. 81,) where may be found an able report on this subject. The resolution accompanying that report is here given :

"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it should be the duty of every subordinate to determine upon the practicability of opening and closing their lodges with prayer, and they should be the judges of what form they should adopt."

With the above expression of opinion by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, your committee fully concur, and cannot, therefore, recommend the alteration of the Constitution as proposed.

At the semi-annual session, 1845, a resolution was adopted, construing Art. III. Sec. 15 of the Constitution to mean "that hereafter no blank votes, or votes for persons not in nomination, should be counted." This resolution, it will be remembered, was adopted while a particular case was under consideration, and therefore as your committee believe, without that grave consideration which the importance of the subject demanded. Time sufficient having elapsed to allay the feeling then excited, your committee deem it proper to bring the subject again before you ; believing that a calm revision of the matter will satisfy all that the adoption of that resolution was contrary to the spirit of the Constitution, and calculated to be injurious.

Your committee are of opinion that as few trammels as possible should be imposed on a free expression of choice ; for all the offices within the gift of the Order being honorary in their nature, it is highly important that as much unanimity as possible, and a perfectly free and open expression of the will of the majority, should prevail. Without these, neither the officer nor the body over which he rules for the time being, can be benefited. As the matter now stands, if a member vote at all, it *must* be for a person in nomination. It will readily be seen by a glance at Art. V. Sec 3 of the Constitution for Subordinates, that under the present law a wide door is left open for collusion among aspirants for office.

Any person in nomination can secure an election, if by any means he can induce all other candidates to withdraw : promises of reciprocal assistance for other offices, or at other times for the same

office, or even pecuniary considerations, may not unfrequently defeat the will of a majority ; for if all but one candidate withdraw from a nomination, the single vote of the person left in nomination secures his election, even though the whole lodge were opposed thereto.

Your committee, in view of all the circumstances, herewith submit a resolution, which they recommend should be adopted at the present session. Since, under the existing law, a great positive evil may grow out of it, which it is best to avoid, if possible, by timely legislation.

There being now no specified regulation in this jurisdiction for the order of processions, your committee beg leave to call attention to this subject, and herewith submit a programme for that purpose. This is thought necessary, not only to produce uniformity, but also to give to the younger branches of the Order (whose opportunities are limited) information of the usages and customs in such cases.

A question has often arisen, whether a member of an encampment is entitled to wear the regalia of that branch of the order while sitting in a lodge. As the misapprehension appears to have arisen from a superficial knowledge of the subject, your committee have judged it proper to lay the matter before the Grand Lodge,—that, being upon record, it may serve the end of putting it within the reach of all. The question *when* and *where* encampment regalia should be worn, came before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for the first time at the session of 1837, and was referred to a committee, who reported the following resolution, viz : “ *Resolved*, That the encampment regalia cannot be worn in any other department of the Order, except in the body of an Encampment of Patriarchs.” This resolution was adopted ; and although the subject has been twice brought before that R. W. body since its adoption, they have steadily refused to alter the law. Subsequently, however, a By-Law of the Grand Lodge of the United States was adopted, allowing members visiting lodges or encampments, other than those to which they belonged, to wear the regalia of the highest rank to which they had attained.

In lodges, all persons should, as far as possible, meet on equal ground, and every thing be excluded that may seem to mar a perfect uniformity. Your committee believe that every distinctive decoration that does not of itself mark a *rank* in the lodge, should be avoided.

In accordance with the above views, your committee herewith submit resolutions, for the expression of the views of this Grand Lodge.

LLOYD E. BALDWIN,
ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, } *Committee on the*
A. C. HEITMANN, } *State of the Order.*

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, January 14, 1846.

X *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, it is improper for a member of an encampment to wear the regalia of that branch of the Order in any Grand or Subordinate Lodge, except when visiting.

Resolved, That article V. Sec. 2d, of the Constitution for Subordinates, be amended by substituting the following :—

"Each elected officer must be voted for separately and by ballot, and each must receive a majority of all the votes given, to be elected ; and all blanks, as well as votes given for persons not in nomination, shall be counted as blanks, and in case, at any election, there shall be more blanks than regular votes, then a new nomination can be made."

Resolved, That the following be the order for processions to be observed by the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges under its jurisdiction.

ORDER FOR PROCESSIONS.

1. All Processions of Lodges of the I. O. O. F., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut, will be in an order inverse to the seniority of lodges. That is to say, the junior lodge will lead, and when the Grand Lodge is present, it will close the procession.

2. Grand Processions will be under the entire direction and control of the Grand Marshal, assisted by the Marshals of subordinate lodges ; who will each, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, be peculiarly charged with the forming, ordering and conducting their respective lodges.

3. In all Grand Processions, the subordinate lodges from foreign jurisdictions, or invited guests and visitors, who are not Past Grands, or of the Patriarchal Degree, will be in rear of the subordinate lodges, and in front of the Patriarchal Order, (if present.)

4. If the Patriarchal Order be present, it will be in front of the Grand Lodge.

5. When a Grand Procession has arrived at its destination, the Grand Marshal will halt it ; open the ranks a few paces, and direct them to face inwards, and passing down the ranks, will usher the Grand Lodge through the opened ranks to the head of the procession ; the Patriarchal Order will follow ; and then in succession the foreign lodges, visitors and guests, and the subordinate lodges, according to seniority. While the procession is passing through the ranks, all brothers of the Order will be uncovered. Processions of subordinate lodges will observe the same order.

6. The internal arrangements of the subordinate and Grand Lodges will be as follows :

Subordinate Lodges.

1. Outside Guardian, with drawn sword, followed by the two Scene Supporters, with rods of office.

2. Banner of the lodge, borne by a brother of the Scarlet Degree, and supported by two brothers of the Scarlet Degree.

3. Warden, with his rod of office, and Conductor with the axe.

4. Treasurer, supported by two brothers of the Remembrance Degree.

5. Secretaries bearing rolls. If there be but one Secretary, supported by two brothers of the Remembrance Degree.

6. Vice Grand, with gavel, supported by his R. and L. Supporters, with rods of office.

7. Brothers initiated.

8. Brothers of the White Degree.

9. Brothers of the Covenant Degree.

10. Brothers of the Royal Blue Degree.

11. Brothers of the Remembrance Degree.

12. Brothers of the Scarlet Degree.

13. Past Grands.

14. Noble Grand, with gavel, supported by R. and L. Supporters, with rods of office.

15. The Inside Guardian, with drawn sword.

Grand Lodge.

1. W. Grand Conductor.

2. Banner, borne by a P. G., supported by two P. G's.

3. Members of the Grand Lodge.

4. Past Grand Masters.

5. W. Grand Chaplain, supported by two P. G's. If the occasion require an orator, he will be with the G. Chaplain, and the supporters will be dispensed with.

6. R. W. G. Treasurer, supported by two P. G's.

7. R. W. G. Secretary, supported by two P. G's.

8. R. W. G. Warden, supported by two P. G's.

9. R. W. Grand Representatives.

10. R. W. Deputy Grand Master, supported by two P. G's.

11. M. W. Grand Master, supported by two P. G's.

12. W. Grand Guardian.

In all processions, consisting of *subordinate lodges only*, the relative position and conduct of lodges will be as has been prescribed; except that the lodge, at whose request and for whose particular benefit the procession is ordered, may take the Post of Honour, by closing the procession. Such procession will be under the entire direction and control of the Marshal of that lodge which holds the Post of Honour, and he will be assisted by the Marshals of the other lodges. If the occasion require an Orator, he will be with that lodge which holds the Post of Honour. With these modifications, the internal arrangement of each subordinate lodge will be as has already been prescribed. If there be foreign subordinate lodges, visitors or guests present, they will precede the lodge which holds the Post of Honour.

Whensoever the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut is present, in a procession, it will be considered a Grand Procession, and the order for Grand Processions, as has been prescribed, will be observed, with this one exception, that if the procession be at the request and for the particular benefit of any one individual subordinate lodge, that lodge may be placed in the rear of all the other subordinate lodges, or members of subordinate lodges, present in the procession.

Report accepted, resolutions passed, and Order of Processions adopted.

Resolution by G. Marshal Johnson ;—that the G. Treasurer be authorized to draw from such funds of this Grand Lodge as are deposited in the New Haven Savings Bank, for the payment of expenses incident to this session, if necessary: passed.

Report of the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Dispensations granted and Application for Charters,—recommending that charters be issued to such lodges as have been instituted since the last annual session of this Grand Lodge: report accepted, charters granted and committee discharged.

Preamble and resolution presented by the representatives of Nathan Hale Lodge, No. 18, against the expediency of allowing a new lodge to be instituted in the town of Stafford: read and referred to a select committee of three,—consisting of Rep. Hall, of No. 1, G. Warden Greenwood, and Rep. Brewer, of No. 11.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was recommitted their report on the appeal of J. Gallagher, from the decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, with instructions, submitted their second report, together with a resolution, recommending that the whole matter be referred back to the adjudication of said Harmony Lodge, on the ground that additional evidence had been submitted to the Committee, which had not been brought before said Lodge. Report accepted and resolution passed.

The hour designated for a special order having arrived, the Grand Lodge went into a Committee of the Whole, on instruction in the new work. P. G. M. Croswell, G. Representative, in the chair.

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The Grand Lodge came to order.

Rep. Peck, from the committee appointed at the annual session, 1845, "to arrange and present to this Grand Lodge a

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plan for the safe keeping of the funds of the subordinate lodges, in accordance with the charter of this Grand Lodge, granted by the Legislature of this State, in May last," reported,—that the chairman of said committee, Rep. John C. Palmer, of No. 3, being absent, in England, and the other members thereof residing at remote distances, no meeting of said committee had been held;—requesting that they be discharged and a new committee be substituted. Report accepted, committee discharged, and Reps. Peck, of No. 5, Ellis and Thomas, of No. 1, substituted.

Report of the Committee on Grievances, on the appeal of Joseph G. Tuttle from the 'decision of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, in refusing a benefit,—together with a resolution from said Committee, continuing the matter to the next annual session of the Grand Lodge. Report accepted and resolution passed.

Further report from the same committee, on the appeal of W. C. Stow from the action of Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, in denying him a sickness-benefit;—with an accompanying resolution, sustaining said Lodge in its decision, on the ground that said brother was more than thirteen weeks in arrears to his lodge. Report accepted and resolution passed.

Report of the select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Degree Lodges,—advising that no action is at present necessary: referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with instructions to report a system for organizing Degree Lodges. Committee discharged.

Report of the select committee on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Applications from Lodges of other States, for permission to Initiate persons residing in this State; taken up and indefinitely postponed.

On motion, adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

Motion for adjournment reconsidered and lost.

Resolution directing the G. Secretary to furnish each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction with two copies of the Working and two copies of the Degree Books. Laid on the table.

Proposed amendment of Art. III. Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, [p. 195, printed Journals,] taken up and debated: pending which, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, Jan 15.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The question on the proposed amendment of the Constitution, which was under discussion at the adjournment, last night, was resumed.

Motion by Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, that the whole matter be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with directions to report a system of districting: carried.

Resolution directing the G. Secretary to furnish each subordinate lodge in this jurisdiction with two copies of the Working and two copies of the Degree Books,—taken up and passed.

Resolution by P. G. M. Bradley, that the G. Secretary be directed to procure the printing of a suitable number of the Questions required to be proposed to Candidates, previous to their Initiation,—to be bound, and distributed to the several subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction: passed.

The Grand Master appointed Reps. Hudson, of No. 25, and Utley, of No. 12, on the committee on the Preamble and Resolution of the Reps. of No. 18, (against the organization of a new Lodge in Stafford,) in the place of Reps. Hall and Brewer,—absent.

Rep. Thomas, of No. 1, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a member of a subordinate lodge who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, cannot be reinstated without a vote of the lodge.

Resolution passed.

Resolution that the report of the G. Master be accepted, and be printed with the Journal of this session: passed.

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the G. Master's report as relates to the unauthorized and improper Publication of the Signs of the Order, reported that no further action was necessary in the premises. Report accepted and committee discharged.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, for a division of its funds, reported; that the said lodge consists of but 186 contributing members, and that the 9th By-Law of the Grand Lodge forbids such division, except where a lodge shall number three hundred members, or more; recommending that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Report accepted and leave to withdraw granted.

Rep. Seagrave, of No. 1, as chairman of the Committee on Grievances, offered the following resolution:—

Resolved, That whenever an appeal shall be taken by any member of a subordinate lodge under this jurisdiction, notice thereof, stating the grounds of such appeal, shall be served upon the lodge of which the appellant is a member, at least two weeks before the stated session of this Grand Lodge. X

Resolution passed.

Resolution declaring that committees of investigation on candidates for admission into subordinate lodges shall not be required to give the reasons for their report, whether the same be favourable or unfavourable: indefinitely postponed. H

Resolution declaring that every subordinate has full power to make its own regulations and enactments in reference to the reports of committees of investigation: indefinitely postponed.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the Constitution in relation to the existing district system, [p. 195, printed Journals,] recommending the adoption of the same, together with the passage of the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to lay out a district in each town where there is one or more lodges.

Question taken by lodges. Report accepted and resolution passed.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on the petitions of Oakland Lodge, No. 25, and Stonington Lodge, No. 26, for alteration of districts,—stating that the abrogation of the district system by the Grand Lodge has rendered any action thereon unnecessary, and asking to be excused from the further consideration thereof.

Report accepted and committee excused.

The select committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Appeals from the Decisions of Subordinates,—and the payment of officers and representatives for attendance on special sessions of the Grand Lodge, reported that no legislation was necessary on the subject of appeals, because the Grand Lodge has *the sole right and power of receiving appeals and redressing grievances arising in lodges*, and should therefore decide upon the merits of each appeal which is properly presented for consideration; and that by the 5th By-Law of this body, no distinction is made in allowing mileage to the officers and representatives in attendance on special, as well as on the regular sessions of the Grand Lodge. X

Report accepted and committee discharged.

Report of the select committee on the Preamble and Res¹⁵olution presented by the representatives of Nathan Hale Lodge No. 18, against the expediency of allowing a lodge to be instituted in the town of Stafford:—the committee declaring it to be inexpedient for the M. W. Grand Master to issue his dispensation for opening a lodge in said place, at this time.^{er} Report accepted and committee discharged.

Proposed amendment of Art. V. Sec. 2 of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, [creating office of chaplain, p. 193, printed Journals,] taken up and rejected.

The Committee on the State of the Order, by their chairman, offered the following resolution, which was passed:—

Resolved, That the N. G's of the several subordinates under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, be required to take the sense of their respective lodges upon any question which may come before them, *by raising the right hand*.

Rep. Heitmann, of No. 1, offered the following resolution, which was laid over to the next annual session:

Resolved, That D. D. Grand Master Utley did not knowingly disregard and overrule the decision of the Grand Master, (in the matter of the installation of brother T. P. Abel, as V. G. of Central Lodge, No. 12,) inasmuch as the Grand Master did not officially communicate to him his decision on that subject.

Rep. Peck, of No. 5, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That if a brother apply for a card of withdrawal and it be granted, he no longer retains membership in the lodge, though he should fail to take up his card; and such brother can regain membership only by a regular deposit of said card.

Resolution passed.

Resolution declaring that unless informality or want of fairness be shown, it is not the province of the Committee on Grievances to take action on any appeal from the decision of a lodge. Indefinitely postponed.

Resolution for printing 500 copies of the proceedings of the present session: passed.

Resolution by Rep. Heitmann, of No. 1:—

Resolved, That until such time as the Committee on the State of the Order shall report on the matter of Degree Lodges, it shall not be lawful for any subordinate lodges or members to form or continue Degree Lodges.

Resolution passed.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayers ; after which the
Grand Lodge
Adjourned without day.

Attest,

CHARLES W. BRADLEY,
Grand Secretary.

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**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.**

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| New Haven,   | H. H. JEWETT.     | Milford,     | J. N. BUCKINGHAM.   |
| Hartford,    | A. M. GORDON.     | Willimantic, | LLOYD E. BALDWIN.   |
| East Haddam, | R. S. PRATT.      | Tolland,     | H. F. GARDNER.      |
| Bridgeport,  | J. M. WILSON.     | Saybrook,    | J. M. WILLEY, G. C. |
| Derby,       | JAS. KNERINGER.   | Waterbury,   | W. M. PEMBERTON.    |
| New London,  | C. C. HUGHES.     | E. Windsor,  | WM. J. WHIPPLE.     |
| Norwalk,     | JAS. A. QUINTARD. | Granby,      | J. C. BANNING.      |
| Norwich,     | WM. L. BREWER.    | Stamford,    | B. B. HALLOCK.      |
| Middletown,  | E. H. BOOTH.      | Oakland,     | M. HUDSON.          |
| Stonington,  | AMOS CLEFT.       |              |                     |

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from June to September, 1845.*

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No.    | Number initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to G. Lodge. |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| QUINNIPAC,                | No. 1, | 6                 | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 1                  | 0          | 0         | 2         | 441                         | \$636.76                  |                                    | \$1,974.01                            | \$1,873.72                                     | \$6               |
| CHARTER OAK,              | " 2,   | 20                | 1                 | 0           | 3         | 3                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 208                         | 362.93                    | \$31.62                            | 288.24                                | 508.72                                         | 30                |
| MIDDLESEX,                | " 3,   | 4                 | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 1         | 69                          | 93.00                     | 17.12                              | 167.79                                | 210.90                                         | 4                 |
| PEQUANOCK,                | " 4,   | 6                 | 0                 | 0           | 7         | 0                  | 7          | *2        | 0         | 208                         | 265.75                    | 36.04                              | 1,096.52                              | 606.33                                         | 6                 |
| HARMONY,                  | " 5,   | 5                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 2                  | 1          | 0         | 0         | 288                         | 352.16                    |                                    | 536.00                                | 735.05                                         | 5                 |
| OUSATONIC,                | " 6,   | 11                | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 5                  | 1          | 0         | 0         | 99                          | 182.39                    | 17.17                              | 394.57                                | 248.28                                         | 11                |
| SAMARITAN,                | " 7,   | 12                | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 180                         | 913.67                    | 43.00                              | 504.27                                | 433.36                                         | 12                |
| MERCANTILE,               | " 8,   | 23                | 2                 | 0           | 2         | 10                 | 0          | 0         | 0         | 96                          | 317.91                    |                                    | 300.31                                | 88.67                                          | 23                |
| THAMES,                   | " 9,   | 15                | 0                 | 0           | 3         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 255                         | 961.35                    | 69.26                              | 867.21                                | 747.96                                         | 15                |
| OUR BROTHERS,             | " 10,  | 15                | 0                 | 0           | 2         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 131                         | 211.45                    | 28.98                              | 723.95                                | 311.46                                         | 15                |
| UNCAS,                    | " 11,  | 14                | 0                 | 1           | 5         | 4                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 285                         | 358.78                    | 65.57                              | 2,219.99                              | 703.89                                         | 14                |
| CENTRAL,                  | " 12,  | 12                | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 137                         | 209.51                    | 37.25                              | 473.01                                | 249.60                                         | 12                |
| CHARITY,                  | " 13,  | 4                 | 0                 | 0           | 2         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 68                          | 86.60                     | 11.60                              | 344.18                                | 62.48                                          | 4                 |
| WOPOWAGE,                 | " 14,  | 8                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 47                          | 92.00                     | 4.00                               | 266.62                                | 60.35                                          | 8                 |
| MONTAWESE,                | " 15,  | 7                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 22                          | 137.00                    |                                    | 178.35                                |                                                | 7                 |
| WASHINGTON,               | " 16,  | 6                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 50                          | 73.32                     | 10.03                              | 0.00                                  | 59.16                                          | 6                 |
| TRUMBULL,                 | " 17,  | 10                | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 56                          | 185.90                    | 14.22                              | 194.66                                | 14.22                                          | 10                |
| NATHAN HALE,              | " 18,  | 12                | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 52                          | 203.06                    | 7.08                               | 64.22                                 | 8.35                                           | 12                |
| MYSTIC,                   | " 19,  | 9                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 25                          | 104.87                    | 26.85                              | 13.00                                 | 26.85                                          | 9                 |
| FENWICK,                  | " 20,  | 9                 | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 28                          | 204.93                    | 14.65                              | 75.24                                 | 14.65                                          | 9                 |
| NOAHOGAN,                 | " 21,  | 21                | 5                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 26                          | 160.25                    | 23.41                              | 0.00                                  | 0.00                                           | 21                |
| FARMERS & MECHANICS,      | " 22,  | 37                | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0                  | 1          | 0         | 0         | 42                          | 407.00                    | 37.00                              | 217.28                                | 37.00                                          | 37                |
| Total, . . .              |        | 266               | 9                 | 1           | 28        | 27                 | 10         | 2         | 3         | 32813                       | 5,128.89                  | 494.85                             | 10,919.42                             | 7,089.58                                       | 266               |

\* Charles Sherman and Wm. G. Nichols, for non-payment of dues.

*Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from September to December, 1845.*

| Name and Number of Lodge. | No.    | Number initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn by Card. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number in membership. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to G. Lodge. |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| QUINNIPAC,                | No. 1, | 6                 | 0                 | 1           | 0         | 0                  | 3          | 0         | 2         | 443                         | \$479.53                  | \$77.68                            | \$1,933.67                            | \$1,890.05                                     | \$6               |
| CHARTER OAK,              | " 2,   | 10                | 0                 | 1           | 3         | 4                  | 13         | 0         | 0         | 205                         | 330.02                    | 36.14                              | 616.20                                | 616.00                                         | 10                |
| MIDDLESEX,                | " 3,   | 3                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 72                          | 75.62                     | 17.18                              | 206.08                                | 297.38                                         | 3                 |
| PEQUANOCK,                | " 4,   | 9                 | 1                 | 0           | 1         | 1                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 217                         | 232.29                    |                                    | 1,161.11                              | 650.19                                         | 9                 |
| HARMONY,                  | " 5,   | 5                 | 0                 | 0           | 2         | 1                  | 3          | 0         | 0         | 289                         | 315.00                    |                                    | 503.33                                | 735.05                                         | 5                 |
| OUSATONIC,                | " 6,   | 12                | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 1                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 110                         | 173.97                    | 19.13                              | 471.70                                | 279.67                                         | 12                |
| SAMARITAN,                | " 7,   | 8                 | 1                 | 0           | 1         | 3                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 186                         | 216.91                    | 40.41                              | 671.81                                | 448.77                                         | 8                 |
| MERCANTILE,               | " 8,   | 21                | 2                 | 0           | 2         | 7                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 112                         | 274.54                    | 37.37                              | 544.51                                | 126.04                                         | 21                |
| THAMES,                   | " 9,   | 12                | 1                 | 0           | 1         | 3                  | 6          | *1        | 0         | 258                         | 307.75                    | 66.25                              | 811.70                                | 482.61                                         | 12                |
| OUR BROTHERS,             | " 10,  | 17                | 0                 | 0           | 3         | 3                  | 2          | 0         | 0         | 143                         | 291.87                    | 46.91                              | 795.01                                | 355.63                                         | 17                |
| UNCAS,                    | " 11,  | 15                | 0                 | 0           | 2         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 300                         | 510.43                    | 68.70                              | 2,528.08                              | 770.50                                         | 15                |
| CENTRAL,                  | " 12,  | 11                | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 150                         | 199.19                    | 38.94                              | 494.74                                | 286.62                                         | 11                |
| CHARITY,                  | " 13,  | 7                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 1         | 74                          | 169.32                    | 28.19                              | 310.58                                | 85.12                                          | 7                 |
| WOPOWAGE,                 | " 14,  | 3                 | 0                 | 0           | 2         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 50                          | 79.68                     | 10.12                              | 323.94                                | 69.47                                          | 3                 |
| MONTAWESE,                | " 15,  | 5                 | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 27                          | 99.88                     |                                    | 943.77                                |                                                | 5                 |
| WASHINGTON,               | " 16,  | 7                 | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 1                  | 0          | 1         | 0         | 56                          | 175.14                    | 34.01                              | 194.15                                | 34.01                                          | 7                 |
| TRUMBULL,                 | " 17,  | 12                | 3                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 71                          | 173.12                    | 21.63                              | 179.50                                | 21.63                                          | 12                |
| NATHAN HALE,              | " 18,  | 16                | 0                 | 0           | 3         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 1         | 67                          | 233.18                    | 12.56                              | 231.97                                | 90.91                                          | 16                |
| MYSTIC,                   | " 19,  | 2                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 27                          | 31.73                     | 34.37                              | 10.32                                 | 34.37                                          | 2                 |
| FENWICK,                  | " 20,  | 6                 | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 1                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 33                          | 206.53                    | 20.35                              | 116.53                                | 20.35                                          | 6                 |
| NOAHOGAN,                 | " 21,  | 19                | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 46                          | 320.53                    | 28.87                              | 169.25                                | 23.41                                          | 40                |
| FARMERS & MECHANICS,      | " 22,  | 21                | 0                 | 0           | 7         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 62                          | 310.44                    | 41.08                              | 210.79                                | 78.08                                          | 21                |
| ACANTHUS,                 | " 23,  | 20                | 5                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 25                          | 214.83                    | 22.76                              |                                       | 22.76                                          | 20                |
| RIPPOWAN,                 | " 24,  | 33                | 7                 | 0           | 2         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 40                          | 285.88                    | 40.62                              | 99.40                                 | 40.62                                          | 33                |
| OAKLAND,                  | " 25,  | 11                | 5                 | 0           | 0         | 0                  | 0          | 0         | 0         | 16                          | 129.26                    |                                    |                                       |                                                | 11                |
| Total, . . .              |        | 291               | 27                | 2           | 32        | 25                 | 27         | 2         | 4         | 3029                        | 5,836.44                  | 743.97                             | 12,828.14                             | 7,681.33                                       | 312               |

\* John A. Lathrop, for habitual drunkenness.

† Wm. L. Tingley, for theft.

## REPORT OF RELIEF,

*For the united terms of September and December, 1845.*

| Name and Number of Lodge. |            | No. of brothers relieved. |   | No. of widowed families relieved. |  | No. of brothers buried. |  | Am' paid for relief of brothers. | Amount paid for relief of widowed families. | Amount paid for education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total amount of benefits. |
|---------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| QUINNIPAC,                | No. 1, . . | 63                        | 0 | 4                                 |  |                         |  | \$979.28                         | \$0.00                                      | \$0.00                                | \$90.00                           | \$1,069.28                |
| CHARTER OAK,              | " 2, . .   | 15                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 195.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 195.00                    |
| MIDDLESEX,                | " 3, . .   | 3                         | 0 | 1                                 |  |                         |  | 73.00                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 30.00                             | 103.00                    |
| PEQUANOCK,                | " 4, . .   | 16                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 149.00                           | 0.00                                        | 15.00                                 | 0.00                              | 164.00                    |
| HARMONY,                  | " 5, . .   | 29                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 584.50                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 584.50                    |
| OUSATONIC,                | " 6, . .   | 7                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 184.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 184.00                    |
| SAMARITAN,                | " 7, . .   | 23                        | 2 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 198.00                           | 35.00                                       | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 233.00                    |
| MERCANTILE,               | " 8, . .   | 6                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 35.00                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 35.00                     |
| THAMES,                   | " 9, . .   | 28                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 644.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 644.00                    |
| OUR BROTHERS,             | " 10, . .  | 17                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 139.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 139.00                    |
| UNCAS,                    | " 11, . .  | 20                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 275.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 15.00                             | 290.00                    |
| CENTRAL,                  | " 12, . .  | 14                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 167.00                           | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 167.00                    |
| CHARITY,                  | " 13, . .  | 9                         | 1 | 1                                 |  |                         |  | 66.00                            | 5.55                                        | 0.00                                  | 30.00                             | 101.55                    |
| WOPOWAGE,                 | " 14, . .  | 1                         | 2 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 4.00                             | 15.00                                       | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 19.00                     |
| MONTAWESE,                | " 15, . .  | 0                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 0.00                             | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 0.00                      |
| WASHINGTON,               | " 16, . .  | 2                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 36.00                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 30.00                             | 66.00                     |
| TRUMBULL,                 | " 17, . .  | 11                        | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 44.00                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 44.00                     |
| NATHAN HALE,              | " 18, . .  | 5                         | 1 | 1                                 |  |                         |  | 38.42                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 30.00                             | 68.42                     |
| MYSTIC,                   | " 19, . .  | 3                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 40.00                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 40.00                     |
| FENWICK,                  | " 20, . .  | 3                         | 0 | 0                                 |  |                         |  | 26.93                            | 0.00                                        | 0.00                                  | 0.00                              | 26.93                     |
| Total, . . . . .          |            | 275                       | 6 | 7                                 |  |                         |  | 3,878.13                         | 55.55                                       | 15.00                                 | 225.00                            | 4,173.68                  |



**ENACTMENTS AND DECISIONS OF GRAND LODGE, JANUARY, 1846.**

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## ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONN., }  
 NEW HAVEN, WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1846. }

Pursuant to its Constitution and Laws, the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, convened this day in Annual Session, and after prayer by the Rev. and W. Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

## PRESENT :

|                           |                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| M. W. HENRY L. MILLER,    | of No. 8, <i>Grand Master.</i>         |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK,     | " No. 1, <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>   |
| R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr. | " No. 23, <i>Grand Warden.</i>         |
| R. W. CHARLES W. BRADLEY, | " No. 3, <i>Grand Secretary.</i>       |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,      | " No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>       |
| R. W. FREDERICK CROSWELL, | " No. 15, <i>Grand Representative.</i> |
| W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,      | " No. 20, <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>       |
| W. JOHN W. JOHNSON,       | " No. 2, <i>Grand Marshal.</i>         |
| W. PHILO M. JUDSON,       | " No. 11, <i>Grand Conductor.</i>      |
| W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN,    | " No. 10, <i>Grand Guardian.</i>       |

and representatives from the following subordinates as appeared by certificates of election, viz: from

## QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Adrian C. Heitmann,  | Newel C. Hall,         |
| Lucius A. Thomas,    | Samuel B. Gorham,      |
| Charles K. Brown,    | Benjamin R. Hitchcock, |
| Charles Ball,        | Isaac Judson,          |
| Alexander O. Coburn, | D. H. Moore,           |
| William Goodwin,     | Thomas J. Stafford,    |
| William A. Goodwin,  | George N. Seagrave.    |

## CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| Timothy Sheldon, | Henry Hastings. |
|------------------|-----------------|

## MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Richard S. Pratt, | Daniel Cone,     |
| T. C. Bordman,    | Luther Boardman, |

## PEQUANOCK LODGE, No. 4.

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| J. M. Wilson, | Eliphalet B. Stevens. |
|---------------|-----------------------|

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| J. G. Anthony,    | Andrew L. Brown,    |
| Thomas C. Hollis, | Louis L. Beecher,   |
| Noah Chandler,    | Johamah Gunn,       |
| Robert H. Starr,  | Lucius G. Peck,     |
| Clark Beach,      | William H. Stanley, |
| John C. Hayden,   | William N. Clayton, |
| John A. Parmelee, | George Lines.       |

## OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| Horatio N. Hawkins, | James Kneringer, |
| Robert R. Wood,     |                  |

## SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

William F. Hoyt.

## MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| A. N. Clark,         | Edson Fessenden,  |
| William B. Ely,      | John W. Danforth, |
| Alexander M. Gordon, | James C. Walkley. |

## THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

Allen S. Wightman.

## OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

Cholwell J. Gruman.

## UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| John L. Devotion,    | David Young,       |
| Charles A. Converse, | Philo M. Judson,   |
|                      | William L. Brewer. |

## CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Origen Utley, | James S. Parmelee, |
|               | Erastus H. Booth.  |

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

William Meeker.

## WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14.

John N. Buckingham.

## MONTEWESE LODGE, No. 15.

|                      |                     |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Frederick Crosswell, | William E. Sanford, |
| Smith Collins,       | Truman Hart.        |

## FENWICK LODGE, No. 20.

Nathan Pratt.

## NOSAHOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

William M. Pemberton.

RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24.

Benjamin B. Hallock.

OAKLAND LODGE, No. 25.

Melancthon Hudson.

OWENECO LODGE, No. 27.

James D. Mowry.

HOWARD LODGE, No. 29.

Ethel T. Farnham, William A. Judd,  
Munson A. Shepherd.

In the absence of the Grand Guardian, Representative Parmelee, of No. 12, was appointed Grand Guardian, *pro tem*.

The Grand Master announced as *Committee on Elections*,

Representatives Utley of No. 12, Sanford of No. 15, and Hudson of No. 25.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the Journal of the last Semi-Annual Session, when on motion, the further reading of the same was dispensed with.

The Committee on Elections reported the names of the additional representatives elected to this Grand Lodge, who were in waiting to be admitted. Report accepted.

The Grand Conductor presented the following Representatives elect, for instruction in the Grand Lodge Degree, which was conferred, and they took their seats as members of the Grand Lodge, viz:—from

|                   |         |                                                |
|-------------------|---------|------------------------------------------------|
| QUINNIPIAC LODGE, | No. 1,  | { Frederick P. Gorham,<br>Cornelius Wildman.   |
| CHARTER OAK       | " " 2,  | { Joseph Pratt, Jr.<br>S. H. Havens.           |
| PEQUANOCK         | " " 4,  | Asher M. Ruggles.                              |
| HARMONY           | " " 5,  | Samuel Tolles.                                 |
| MERCANTILE        | " " 8,  | { Benjamin Stevens,<br>Thomas Martin.          |
| THAMES            | " " 9,  | Thomas J. Greenwood.                           |
| OUR BROTHERS      | " " 10, | { Henry W. Smith,<br>Peter L. Cunningham.      |
| UNCAS             | " " 11, | { H. A. Barrows,<br>H. W. Benchley.            |
| CENTRAL           | " " 12, | { T. P. Abel,<br>Alfred Hall,<br>Elijah Beach. |

|                            |   |                                                      |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------|
| CHARITY LODGE, No. 13,     | { | Albert G. Wolf,<br>Alonzo Williams,<br>Grove G King. |
| WOPOWAGE " " 14,           |   | Benjamin D. Wells.                                   |
| MONTAWESE " " 15,          | { | James Lindergreen,<br>James H. Carrington.           |
| TRUMBULL " " 17,           | { | J. N. Harris,<br>William Mercer,<br>H. A. Latimer.   |
| NATHAN HALE " " 18,        | { | Edwin Kilbourn,<br>Reuben Allen.                     |
| MYSTIC, " " 19,            |   | George D. Hyde,                                      |
| FENWICK " " 20,            | { | John S. Dickinson,<br>James H. Pratt.                |
| NOSAHOGAN " " 21,          |   | David S. Law.                                        |
| FARMERS & MECHANICS, " 22, |   | Joseph Olmstead.                                     |
| ACANTHUS LODGE, " 23,      | { | Josiah C. Banning,<br>Chester Seymour.               |
| RIPPOWAM " " 24,           | { | Lorenzo Meeker,<br>James D. Warren.                  |
| OAKLAND " " 25,            |   | Henry W. Hudson.                                     |
| HOWARD " " 29,             |   | A. C. Shepherd.                                      |
| UNION, " " 30,             |   | John H. Mills.                                       |
| OLIVE BRANCH " " 31,       |   | John H. Dart.                                        |

The GRAND MASTER submitted the following Report :

*Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :*

The period designated by the Constitution for holding our Annual Session has arrived, and we are again permitted to meet under circumstances of health and prosperity which should lead us, first of all, to the exercise of devout thanksgiving to God, who ever watches over, and controls in the affairs of individuals and associations, and to whose kindness, forbearance, and love, we are indebted for all the blessings, individual, social, and religious which we enjoy.

The evidence of our continued prosperity will be found in the rapid increase of valuable members to the Subordinate Lodges ; the addition of five new Lodges since we were last assembled ; freedom from the ravages of death, the few cases of suspension or expulsion under our strict discipline ; the brotherly love, unity and peace, which prevail ; the amount of our charities, the fund for future disbursement, and the daily development of the pure principles of Friendship, Love, and Truth, throughout our borders.

There are various subjects of interest to come before you, affecting the future welfare of our order. Your deliberations will, I trust, be conducted with prudence, zeal, and discretion, and I doubt not, you will in all things act wisely and with reference to the greatest good of our fraternity and our race.

In discharge of my official duties, I have had frequent correspondence with the officers and past officers of Subordinate Lodges, and D. D. Grand Masters of the several Districts. Many questions of rule and usage, more or less affecting the welfare of the Lodges, and the Order, have been submitted for my decision. I have in several instances given leave to subordinate Lodges to wear Regalia in public, and granted authority to Officers of the Grand Lodge, to confer the Past Official Degrees upon brothers entitled to receive them.

On the 6th day of February, I received a petition from brothers John D. Post, H. B. Harvey, William Allen, Jr., John L. Treat, William H. Treat, Horace Redfield, N. W. Pomeroy, and John S. Blake, asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge, to be located in the town of Meriden. After full inquiry into the character of the applicants, and on recommendation of Central Lodge, of which the petitioners had been members, I granted a Dispensation, and on the 4th day of March, assisted by Grand Marshal J. W. Johnson, P. G. Fessenden, of Mercantile Lodge, P. G. Thomas H. Seymour, of Charter Oak Lodge, Past Grands Booth, Utley, Abel, Simpson, Hall, Pease, Parmelee, and others of Central Lodge. I instituted the Lodge, to be known and called by the name of Hancock Lodge, No. 28. Installed its officers,—initiated several new members, and directed that its first term close the first week in June.

On the 10th day of March, I received a petition from John Greenwood, Jr., E. T. Farnham, M. A. Shepard, William A. Indel, A. C. Shepard, H. N. Bennett, Ira Williams, Joseph M. Barnam, E. Stevens, I. R. Greenwood, C. B. Ferry, William Shepard, O. Benedict, and Preston Durand, asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a new Lodge in the village of Bethel, town of Danbury, to be known and called by the name of Howard Lodge, No. 29. From personal knowledge of several of the petitioners, and the known character of all, and on the recommendation of Samaritan Lodge, from which the petitioners had withdrawn, for the purpose of forming a new Lodge, I granted a Dispensation, and authorized G. W. John Greenwood, Jr., to institute the Lodge on the 24th day of the same month; by returns duly rendered, it appears that the ceremonies were performed, the officers installed, sixteen brothers admitted by card, and seven propositions received. The W. G. Warden reports that the brothers who have originated this Lodge, are the most respectable and influential in the village; well versed in the principles of Odd Fellowship, enjoying the confidence of the community, and fully resolved that No. 29, shall become one of the most flourishing subordinates in the country; a pillar and an ornament to the Grand Lodge of this State. Its first term closed the first week in June.

On the 10th day of March, I received a petition from D. A.

Barcley, J. H. Mills, George Hinckley, Richard Spencer, and L. H. Clark, asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge to be located in the village of Winsted, town of Winchester, to be known and called Union Lodge, No. 30. From personal knowledge of the character of the petitioners, and on recommendation of brothers of Charter Oak Lodge, I granted a Dispensation, and authorized Grand Marshal J. W. Johnson to institute the Lodge, which duty was performed on the 27th day of the same month; its officers installed, and ten members received by initiation, among whom were those who have long been foremost in that community, in their devotions to the cause of humanity, morality, and every social virtue. With joy should we hail the birth of this new Lodge, now numbering thirty members. Its first term closed the first week in June.

On the 30th day of March, I received a petition from Henry H. Munroe, I. B. Ferguson, H. B. Judd, John McDowell, I. H. Dart, Judd Carter, and Seth Bishop, asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge, to be located in the town of Redding, to be known and called Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31. After inquiry of brothers in Danbury, Norwalk, and Bridgeport, and on recommendation of brothers of Howard Lodge, I granted a Dispensation, and authorized D. G. M. Prelate Demick to institute the Lodge and install its officers, which duty was performed on the 11th day of April, and ten members received by initiation. The D. G. Master remarks, "Thus are the noble principles of our Order manifesting their healthful and benign influence upon intelligent minds in every section of our State and jurisdiction; Friendship, Love, and Truth, are erecting their altars where, from the sparseness of the population, they can never be numerically strong, but where, as in the case of Olive Branch Lodge, they will embrace members whose intelligence and moral worth, will secure to the Order, character and influence, far higher and more enduring than mere numbers can give." The first term of this Lodge closed the first week in June.

On the 14th day of May, I granted a Dispensation to brothers Moses B. Harvey, I. H. Bolton, William H. Reed, Elijah Fairman, Benjamin Lathrop, Zina Winter, Carlos Prouty, and M. M. Lindsey for a Lodge in Stafford; and on that day, aided by Grand Marshal J. W. Johnson, Past Grands Griggs, Brace, and Kilbourn, of Nathan Hale Lodge, P. G. Fessenden, and brothers Bragaw, Burt, and Hubbard, of Mercantile Lodge, and Past Grands Seymour, Button, Hastings, Pratt, and Hale, of Charter Oak Lodge, I instituted the Lodge to be known and called by the name of Nazarine Lodge, No. 32, installed its officers, and initiated sixteen new members. It will be remembered that application was made for a Dispensation to open this Lodge, prior to our last session, and that a remonstrance was then presented by Past Grands of Nathan Hale Lodge, and some action had by this Grand Lodge on the subject. After the withdrawal of objections on the part of the Past Grands of Nathan Hale Lodge, on account of the very strong desire cherished by the petitioners to establish a new Lodge, and after full inquiry relative to the character of the applicants,

and the number of suitable persons to become members residing in the town of Stafford, and with the approbation of brothers on whose judgment I could rely, I instituted the Lodge, and I am happy to state that they already number thirty-two members, all of whom are valuable citizens, and fully entitled to enjoy the privileges of our institution. Its first term will close the first week in September.

On the 20th day of June, I received a petition signed by Alfred Hall, G. H. Taylor, Sylvester Baily, I. E. Strong, and Erastus Brainard, Jr., asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge, to be known and called by the name of Freestone Lodge, No. 33, to be located in the town of Portland. These brothers are worthy, estimable and influential members of our Order, and highly respected in the community where they dwell. I have not granted them a Dispensation, as this session of the Grand Lodge would intervene prior to the institution of the Lodge.

I would recommend that charters be granted to the above Lodges, and to the petitioners from Portland,—and congratulate this Grand Lodge that so many beautiful pillars are thus in succession added to the Temple of Odd Fellowship.

On the 17th day of April, by invitation, I officiated at the dedication of a new hall for the future use of Mercantile Lodge, No. 8. A hall which is large, well proportioned, and convenient, with well arranged ante-rooms, and all within, pleasant, tasteful and beautiful. Although liable to the imputation of undue partiality, I must be permitted to commend this as a perfect model for a Lodge room, and the enterprize and spirit of the members, as deserving of high praise.

On the 14th day of May, by invitation of Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, I officiated at the dedication of their new hall. A hall beautiful in proportions, its decorations neat, chaste and appropriate; this Lodge, founded by brothers whom we know and value, has secured the confidence of the community in which it is located, and drawn within its folds many of its best citizens. The Lodge has recently passed through an ordeal from which human institutions and associations are not always exempt; a difference of opinion with regard to certain measures and of preference for certain brothers as candidates for honors, above others. It is believed that as gold is refined by fire, so Lodges may be purified by occasional conflict of mind with mind, and that where love holds its firm empire in the soul, good may result from present apparent evil. I have full confidence in its future prosperity.

It was my desire to visit all the Lodges in the State, during my term of office, but circumstances have prevented the accomplishment of that design. This is to me a matter of regret, on my own account, as I had wished to cultivate an intimate acquaintance with all the members of our fraternity, and also because frequent visits are useful, particularly to new Lodges. I would take the liberty to express the opinion, that as many of the Lodges, are, or will be remote from the residence of the Grand Master, and as those Lodges which would be most benefitted by official visit, are those most recently formed, and of course with limited funds,



that the expenses necessarily incurred by the Grand Master in such visits, when made without invitation by the subordinate Lodges, should be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Several instances of inconvenience to Subordinate Lodges have occurred from delay in sending for permission of the Grand Master, to wear Regalia on public occasions; too much time being required for letters to pass and return by regular course of mail, especially when Lodges have been invited to appear at a given time, with other bodies, at public celebrations. It has seemed to me safe and proper to delegate the power, now vested in the Grand Master, to the District Deputy Grand Master, to be exercised at his discretion, on application by a subordinate Lodge within his district. The application to be made by a *two thirds* vote of the Lodge.

By the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, it is provided that no member shall be eligible to the office of N. G. until he has served one term as V. G., and no member shall be eligible to the office of V. G. until he has served two terms in some inferior office; and as in the formation of new Lodges, this rule cannot be complied with, I would recommend that it be amended by providing that it shall not apply until after the election for the third term.

On the 23d day of March, I received a communication from the District Deputy Grand Master of the District of Saybrook, asking whether Article VII, Sec. 7, as amended, which provides that "no candidate for admission to any Lodge in this State shall be initiated out of the town where he resides, if there is a regular constituted Lodge in the town where he resides," was intended to include *reception by card*, as well as by *initiation*. Considering the great injury that might result to the Lodges with a limited number of members, should a portion withdraw and deposit cards out of the town where they reside, thus withholding their dues and indicating a want of confidence in their own Lodge—I did not hesitate to decide, that the reception of a brother by card who resides in another town where a Lodge existed, was irregular, and contrary to the purpose and design of this Grand Lodge. Should this decision meet your approbation, the Section referred to should be rendered more explicit by alteration or amendment.

On the 10th day of April, I received a communication from the Secretary of Uncas Lodge, enclosing a copy of a vote passed by said Lodge, asking of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, whether the "Order for Processions adopted by the Grand Lodge is intended for funeral occasions," also a copy of the reply of the District Deputy Grand Master, deciding that "the Order for Processions is binding on all occasions," and asking on behalf of said Lodge, my official decision in the matter. The Resolutions referred to were adopted by the Grand Lodge, without discussion or debate, and it was not until I had consulted with several members of the Grand Lodge, and learned the views of the chairman of the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported the resolutions, that I felt constrained to decide that the letter must be considered its true intent and meaning, and that the decision of the

District Deputy Grand Master should be sustained. With this decision I have since felt dissatisfied, believing that the members of the Grand Lodge would on reflection, deem the display of Banners, Swords, Gavel, Rods, Axe, &c. &c., unsuited to the solemnities of such occasions, and that surviving relatives and friends would be prejudiced thereby against our Order, and that public sentiment would be outraged by its adoption. I would therefore recommend a revision and alteration of the Resolutions.

At our last Annual Session, a resolution was passed directing that a copy of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States be furnished to each Subordinate Lodge, which vote was duly executed. I would recommend that a copy be furnished each Lodge which has not been supplied, and that the Grand Master be authorized to present a copy to each new Lodge at its institution.

There are several committees to whom have been entrusted important subjects, for your future consideration. Presuming that they will be prepared to report, I would recommend their suggestions to your candid consideration.

My bretheren, while we have been flattering ourselves that suspicion and prejudice against our Order were fast dying away, and that the public were generally looking with favor upon us, shall we not all be pained to know that a convention of Ministers\* of that Gospel which teaches love, peace, and good will to men, recently held in this State, put forth and proclaimed to the world as their united solemn conviction, that "secret societies, and especially the society of Odd Fellows, are, in principle, opposed to the precepts of Him who said, 'in secret have I said nothing,'—that they oblige their members to associate as friends, with men of the vilest character, that they may become political engines, and be made to cloak the darkest purposes,—that zeal in their interest is incompatible with zeal in the cause of Christ,—that they assume the place of the Gospel in their professions of benevolence, and often do this practically in the heart,"—and finally urging a solemn caution to all their members, to abstain from any connection with us. Who of us has been aware that such was the character, and such the tendency of our beloved institution? Are we not many of us already, members of the Church of Christ? Is it not true that in some of our Lodges a majority of members have been, and are professors of the religion of Jesus? Have we not with us those who minister in holy things? Have we not here in this Grand Lodge, bowed the knee in prayer and supplication to the God and Father of us all, for the blessings of his grace, led by one, as our Grand Chaplain, who was in fellowship with themselves? Are we not moral men? Are we not exemplary for industry in the ordinary pursuits of life? Do our members suffer in comparison with others, as brothers, as fathers, as sons, as husbands, as citizens? Is zeal in the observance of the second command of the decalogue "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," incompatible with zeal in the cause of Christ? Is it wrong in us that we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, provide for, and protect the widow and the orphan? Did not He who said, "In secret have I said noth-

\* Association of Tolland County.

ing," say also, "let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth?" Does not He who "seeth in secret" promise to reward openly those who "do not their alms to be seen of men?" But who has made these men to be rulers and judges over us—and who has made them conservators of the public weal in political affairs? May we not remind them that other cloaks than ours, have covered the darkest purposes; recommend that they call to mind the truth uttered by their Master, while here on earth, that He "came not to judge the world, but to save the world;" suggest that they follow the example of the Apostle Paul, who resolved, in the discharge of the duties of his high calling, "to know nothing among men, but Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

And what shall we do? Let us seriously inquire whether we have given occasion for all this bitterness and calumny. Let us scrutinize closely the character of those whom we receive as members of our Lodges. Let us go forward fearlessly with our plans of benevolence—let us do what we can to ameliorate the condition of our race. Let those of us who are the professed followers of Christ do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, and let us all strive to prove by our lives and conduct, that for us to love our brother whom we have seen, is not incompatible with love to God whom we have not seen.

My official duties will soon terminate; the period for which I was chosen as your Grand Master has now expired. I have little else to do but lead you to the choice of a successor. I wish to bear testimony to your kind indulgence in my imperfections as your presiding officer, and to the uniform courtesy which has been extended to me by the Lodges which you respectively represent. I shall long cherish in grateful remembrance the endearing friendships I have formed among you, and as I retire from this chair, it shall not be in a state of repose. I hope, while life remains, to be permitted to co-operate with you here, and elsewhere, in your works of Charity and Love.

HENRY L. MILLER,

*M. W. G. M. of Grand Lodge of Connecticut.*

On motion, the Report of the Grand Master was referred to a select committee of three; and Representative, Devotion, of No. 11; Willey, of No. 20; and Seymour, of No. 23, were appointed such committee.

A communication from Beacon Lodge, No. 15, District of Columbia, was received and ordered on file. This communication was accompanied by sundry resolutions unanimously passed in said Lodge, *expelling* the Rev. A. A. Muller from the Lodge; he having been fully proved by testimony procured by the committee of investigation, "to have been guilty of the crime of seduction.

Several bills reported by Committee of Finance, were read and ordered paid.

The Annual Report of the Grand Treasurer was read, accepted and ordered on file.

Report of select committee on proposed amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, relating to the dues from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, laid on the table, and made the order for this evening.

The select committee to whom was referred the Annual Report of the Grand Master, made the following Report, which was accepted, and the committees therein recommended, ordered to be appointed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut :*

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the R. W. Grand Master, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they would recommend to the R. W. Grand Lodge, to raise select committees of three, upon each of the following subjects, viz :

One upon so much of the Address as refers to the expenses of the Grand Master, while visiting Subordinates, being paid by the Grand Lodge.

One upon so much of said Address as refer to delegating to D. D. Grand Master's, power to grant permission to wear Regalia in public.

One upon so much of the Address as refers to Constitution of Subordinates, relative to N. G. and V. G.

One upon so much of the Address as refers to an alteration of Art. VII. Sec. 7, of the Constitution.

One upon so much as refers to the application of the Order for Processions to funerals.

One upon so much as refers to the distribution of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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| JOHN L. DEVOTION, | } Committee. |
| J. M. WILLEY,     |              |
| CHESTER SEYMOUR,  |              |

The Grand Lodge opened on nomination of officers, when the following were made, viz : for

**GRAND MASTER**, D. G. M. Prelate Demick, of No. 1 ; G. W. John Greenwood, Jr., of No. 29.

**DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**, G. W. J. Greenwood, Jr. of No. 29.

**GRAND WARDEN**, Representatives J. M. Willey, of No. 20 ; A. S. Wightman, of No. 9 ; P. M. Judson, of No. 11 ; T. P. Abel, of No. 12.

**GRAND SECRETARY**, Representatives L. G. Peck, of No. 5 ; L. A. Thomas, of No. 1.

GRAND TREASURER, Representatives S. Bishop, of No. 1 ; H. Hastings, of No. 2.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, Representatives S. Bassett, of No. 6 ; H. L. Miller, of No. 8, J. L. Devotion, of No. 11 ; P. M. Judson, of No. 11 ; M. Hudson, of No. 25 ; D. H. Moore, of No. 1 ; N. Chandler, of No. 5 ; A. S. Wightman, of No. 9 ; L. G. Peck, of No. 5 ; T. J. Greenwood, of No. 9 ; W. E. Sanford, of No. 15.

Before the ballot, G. W. Greenwood declined the nomination for Grand Master, Representative Judson, for Grand Warden ; Representative Thomas, for Grand Secretary ; Representative Hastings for Grand Treasurer ; and Representatives Devotion, Chandler, Peck, and Sanford, for Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master made the following appointments of committees on the different subjects embraced in his report ; viz :

On application of "*the Order of Processions*" to funerals ;

Representatives Hudson, of No. 25 ; Abel of No. 12 ; and Farnham of No. 29.

On *paying the expenses of the Grand Master, in visiting Subordinate Lodges ;*

Representatives Wightman, of No. 9 ; Mowry, of No. 27 ; and Pemberton, of No. 21.

On *giving power to the D. D. Grand Master in each District to grant leave to wear Regalia in public ;*

Representatives Hastings, of No. 2 ; Wilson, of No. 4 ; and Hart, of No. 15.

On *Charter to new Lodges ;*

Representatives Brewer, of No. 11 ; A. N. Clark, of No. 8 ; and Seagrave, of No. 1.

On *qualification to the office of N. G. and V. G., in Subordinate Lodges ;*

Representatives Young, of No. 11 ; Parmelee, of No. 12 ; and Pratt, of No. 2.

On *alteration of Section 7, Article VII, of Constitution of Grand Lodge, relative to the reception of Cards of withdrawal, in certain cases ;*

Representatives Croswell, of No. 15 ; Judson, of No. 11 ; and Martin, of No. 8.

On *distribution of Journals of the Grand Lodge of the United States ;*

Representatives Hail, of No. 1 ; Dart, of No. 31 ; and Havens, of No. 2.

On motion, the election of Grand Officers was made the order of the evening, at nine o'clock.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned, to meet at seven o'clock, P. M.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock.

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to vote of adjournment.

The Committee on Elections, made a further report, which was accepted, and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred upon the following duly qualified Past Grands; viz:

Charles Spencer, of No. 8.

L. W. Rogers, of No. 11.

The By-Laws of sundry subordinate Lodges were received, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The select committee on the dues of Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, offered the following report and resolution, which after some debate, on motion, were continued to the next annual session of the Grand Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut:

The committee to whom was referred the proposed amendment of Article VII. Section 6, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, have attended to the duties assigned them, and beg leave to

REPORT:

That in view of the fact of the rapid increase of our Order, and the increased number of imitations, they are of the opinion, that the sum of one dollar is more than is necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the State; and would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM B. ELY, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Article VII. Section 6, be so amended as to read thus; each Subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge, the sum of seventy-five cents, for each candidate admitted.

The committee on the State of the Order, viz; Representatives Devotion, of No. 11, Hall, of No. 1, Heitmann, of No. 1, and Wightman, of No. 9, to whom was referred the quarterly returns of Subordinate Lodges, made a report, which was accepted.

By this report, and three other reports of the same committee, presented subsequently, it appeared that Lodges Nos. 2,

19, and 28, had made no report. Lodges No. 18 and 24, had made no report for the term ending in March; and Lodges No. 13 and 25, had made no report for the term ending in June.

It also appeared that the following Lodges had neglected to make the annual reports for 1845 and 1846, viz; Nos. 3, 7, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 31.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to the distribution of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F.

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Masters report as relates to the distribution of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, would respectfully

REPORT :

That we have attended to the duties assigned us, and would recommend that the R. W. Grand Master be requested to furnish all Subordinate Lodges that have not already been furnished, and all new Lodges, at the time of institution, with a copy of the Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States; and that the Grand Master be authorized to procure the requisite number of copies of said Proceedings, to comply with the above request, at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

N. C. HALL, }
JOHN H. DART, } Committee.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to the admission of members into Subordinate Lodges, by card, offers the following report and resolution.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, the committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Master, as refers to the admission of Members into Subordinate Lodges by card, respectfully

REPORT :

That in their opinion, the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, in the case referred to by him, was correct, and should be sustained by this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

FERDERICK CROSWELL, }
P. M. JUDSON, } Committee.
THOMAS MARTIN, }

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no candidate for admission into a Subordinate Lodge by card, can be admit-

ted out of the town where he resides, if there be a Lodge in the place of his residence, without a violation of the seventh section of the VIIth Article of the Constitution.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The Grand Master announced that nine o'clock, the hour assigned by the Grand Lodge this afternoon, for the election of Grand Officers, had arrived, and the Grand Lodge accordingly went into an election of officers for the ensuing year.

On balloting, D. G. M. PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, was elected *Grand Master*, and was so declared.

G. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., of No. 29, was elected *Deputy Grand Master*, and was so declared.

Representative JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, was elected *Grand Warden*, and was so declared.

Representative LUCIUS G. PECK, of No. 5, was elected *Grand Secretary*, and was so declared.

Representative SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, was elected *Grand Treasurer*, and was so declared.

On the third ballot for first Grand Representative, Representative PHILO M. JUDSON, of No. 11, was elected *Grand Representative*, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was so declared.

On the fourth ballot for second Grand Representative, Representative HENRY L. MILLER, of No. 8, was elected *Grand Representative* to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was so declared.

On motion, the installation of the newly elected Grand Officers was made the order of the day to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Adjourned to eight o'clock, to-morrow morning.



THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 9th.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The Standing Committee on Finance reported that the mileage of the new Lodges should be fixed as follows, viz :

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| Stonington Lodge, No. 26, | - | \$10 00 |
| Oweneco do. do. 27, | - | 9 00 |
| Hancock do. do. 28, | - | 3 50 |
| Howard do. do. 29, | - | 6 00 |
| Union do. do. 30, | - | 7 50 |
| Olive Branch do. do. 31, | - | 6 00 |

Report accepted, and on motion, the mileage was fixed as recommended.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of paying the Grand Master on his official visits to Subordinate Lodges, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F. :

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the payment of expenses of the Grand Master on his official visits to Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to

REPORT :

That in the opinion of your committee, it would not at all times be expedient for this Grand Lodge to pay the expenses of the Grand Master, on his official visits to the Subordinate Lodges; but as circumstances may seem to render it advisable for such expenses to be paid by this body on certain occasions, your committee beg leave to offer the following resolution.

A. S. WIGHTMAN,
JAMES D. MOWRY, } Committee.
WM. M. PEMBERTON,

Resolved, That whenever the good of the Order, shall, in the opinion of the Grand Master, require a personal visit from him, or some other Grand officer designated by him, to any Subordinate Lodge, then the expense of such visit shall be paid from the funds of this Lodge.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Master, as relates to the qualifications for the office of N. G. and V. G., made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F.

The committee to whom was referred that part of the M. W. Grand Master's report, recommending an alteration of Section 6th, Article V. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT :

That they have attended to their duty, and would recommend that, Section 6th, Article V. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be so altered and amended as to read thus :

Sec. 6. No brother shall be eligible to any elected or appointed office, unless he shall have attained to the Scarlet Degree. And no brother shall be eligible to the chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G.; nor shall any brother be eligible as V. G. unless he has served two terms in some inferior office. Provided however, That in case of newly instituted Lodges, any brother who has attained to the Scarlet Degree, shall be eligible

to either of the above offices, until after the expiration of the second term.

All which is respectfully submitted.

DAVID YOUNG,
JAMES S. PARMELEE, } Committee.
JOSEPH PRATT, Jr.

Report accepted and amendment adopted.

The select committee on application for new Lodges, made the following report.

JULY SESSION, 1846.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F. :

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS—Your committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the Charters of Lodges, to whom dispensations have been granted by the Grand Master, since the last session of this Grand Lodge have attended to the duty assigned them, and beg leave to offer the following resolutions—

Resolved, That Charters be granted to the following Lodges; viz : Hancock Lodge, No. 28; Howard Lodge, No. 29; Union Lodge, No. 30; Olive Branch, No. 31; and Nazarine Lodge, No. 32.

Resolved, That the petition of Brothers Hall, Taylor, Baily, Strong and Brainard, to open a Lodge in Portland, to be known as Freestone Lodge, No. 33, be granted; and that a Charter be issued, instead of a dispensation, in accordance with the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

W. L. BREWER,
A. N. CLARK, } Committee.
G. N. SEAGRAVE,

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The Deputy Grand Master made a verbal report, and presented the reports of D. D. Grand Masters, which was accepted and ordered on file.

The order of the day being called for, all other business was suspended, and

Representative PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, was installed into the office of GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT, for the current year. The Grand Master on taking his seat, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows :—

REPRESENTATIVES—BROTHERS :

The first act which my heart prompts me to perform, from this official station, is to return my profound acknowledgments for your repeated expressions of kindness; and particularly for the confidence you repose in me, as is inferred from your committing to my care for a time, interests of so much importance. I cannot

say that I regard the honors of this office with indifference; but I can truly say, that the consideration that I am indebted for them to no peculiar fitness of my own for the station, but to your general good opinion, your friendship, and your confidence, is more grateful to my feelings than all other considerations. The inferences drawn from the fact of my promotion to an office of so much honor and responsibility, by a body at once so respectable and intelligent, awaken in my breast emotions of the most profound gratitude. I have not the vanity to suppose that your favors might not have been bestowed upon others, infinitely more capable of discharging the duties of Grand Master; and my greatest fear is, that with all my endeavors faithfully to discharge my whole duty, I shall fall far below the high standard of those, who have preceded me in this chair. But, relying on the spirit of kindness and forbearance, which has ever characterized the worthy members of this body; and, also, relying on their counsel, their aid and assistance, in the discharge of my new and arduous duties, I indulge the hope that I may be able, at the expiration of my official term, to surrender my trusts, with as much honor as I now receive them—"To err, is human:—to forgive, divine."

Representative JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr., of No. 29, was installed DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, for the current year.

Representative JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, was installed GRAND WARDEN, for the current year.

Representative LUCIUS G. PECK, of No. 5, was installed GRAND SECRETARY, for the current year.

Representative SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, was installed GRAND TREASURER, for the current year.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following officers, viz:

Representative Rev. TOWNSEND P. ABEL, of No. 12, to be *Grand Chaplain*.

Representative NEWELL C. HALL, of No. 1, to be *Grand Marshal*.

Representative CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, of No. 10, to be *Grand Conductor*.

Representative EDSON FESSENDEN, of No. 8, to be *Grand Guardian*.

The Grand Master announced the following Standing Committees, for the current year, viz:

Committee on the State of the Order,—Representatives J. W. Johnson, of No. 2; N. Chahdler, of No. 5; J. Kneringer, of No. 6; E. T. Farnham, of No. 29; C. C. Hughes, of No. 17.

Committee on Printing,—Representatives C. Wildman, of No. 1; J. M. Wilson, of No. 4; L. G. Peck, of No. 5.

Committee on Finance,—Representatives G. Lines, of No. 5; E. T. Farnham, of No. 29; H. N. Hawkins, of No. 6.

On motion of P. G. M. Miller, the roll of Lodges was called, and each Lodge requested to nominate one of its number, as one of the Committee on Grievances

The following Representatives were then nominated and appointed, for the current year.

Committee on Grievances, viz :

| | | |
|---------|----------------|----------------------|
| No. 1. | Representative | Charles K. Brown. |
| No. 2. | " | Henry Hastings. |
| No. 3. | " | Richard S. Pratt. |
| No. 4. | " | Asher M. Ruggles. |
| No. 5. | " | George Lines. |
| No. 6. | " | Robert R. Wood. |
| No. 7. | " | W. F. Hoit. |
| No. 8. | " | Thomas Martin. |
| No. 9. | " | Allen S. Wightman. |
| No. 10. | " | Peter L. Cunningham. |
| No. 11. | " | L. W. Rogers. |
| No. 12. | " | Origen Utley. |
| No. 13. | " | William Meeker. |
| No. 14. | " | John N. Buckingham. |
| No. 15. | " | James H. Carrington. |
| No. 16. | " | L. E. Baldwin. |
| No. 17. | " | J. N. Harris. |
| No. 18. | " | E. Kilbourn. |
| No. 19. | " | George D. Hyde. |
| No. 20. | " | James H. Pratt. |
| No. 21. | " | David S. Law. |
| No. 22. | " | James Olmstead. |
| No. 23. | " | J. C. Banning. |
| No. 24. | " | Benjamin B. Hallock. |
| No. 25. | " | Henry W. Hudson. |
| No. 26. | " | Charles H. Smith. |
| No. 27. | " | James D. Mowry. |
| No. 28. | " | — — — |
| No. 29. | " | A. C. Shepherd. |
| No. 30. | " | John H. Mills. |
| No. 31. | " | John H. Dart. |

The Grand Guardian asked leave of absence for the remainder of the Session, which on motion was granted.

The Committee on the State of the Order made a further report on the returns of subordinates, which was accepted; see

pages 245-6, of Proceedings of this session.) The same committee, offered the following report, which was also accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F. :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the By-Laws of Fenwick Lodge, No. 20 ; Stonington Lodge, No. 26 ; and Union Lodge, No. 39, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT :

That they have examined the same, and recommend that they be approved, with the exception of Section 6, Article V. of the By-Laws of Stonington Lodge, No. 26 ; they also recommend that the amendment to Section 4, Article VIII, of the By Laws of Rippowam Lodge No. 24, be approved.

All of which is submitted, in F. L. and T.

JOHN L. DEVOTION,
N. C. HALL.
A. S. WIGHTMAN,

Committee on the State of the Order.

NEW HAVEN, JULY 9, 1846.

The select committee appointed at the last session, to arrange and present a plan for the safe keeping of the funds of Subordinate Lodges, under the Charter granted to the Grand Lodge, by the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F. :

The undersigned having been appointed a committee to arrange and present a plan for the safe keeping of the funds of Subordinate Lodges, in accordance with the Charter of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and herewith present an amendment to the By Laws, and the form of a bond under which the funds used by Subordinate Lodges can be safely kept.

By this plan, these funds become the property of the Grand Lodge, and as such are controlled and held by it, subject however to the general direction and use of Subordinates for the legitimate purposes of the Order.

The committee are not prepared to recommend the adoption of the plan presented ; they are however, satisfied that that is the only way, under the Charter of the Grand Lodge, as granted by the General Assembly of this State, which can be safely relied upon, to secure the property of Subordinates.

LUCIUS G. PECK. }
LUCIUS A. THOMAS, } *Committee.*

The amendments to the By-Laws mentioned in the report were read; when on motion, the report was accepted, and the opposed amendments indefinitely postponed.

Representative Heitmann, of the Committee on the State of the Order, offered the following report, which was accepted; and on motion of Representative Willey, was, with the accompanying Constitution, ordered to be printed with the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

REPORT:

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT, }
ANNUAL SESSION, NEW HAVEN, JULY 8, 1846. }

In accordance with the directions of the Grand Lodge at its Semi-annual Session, in January last, the Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following enactment and Constitution, for Degree Lodges, and recommend the adoption of the same.

SEC. 2. It is hereby enacted by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Connecticut, that from and after the 10th day of July, 1846, the members of the Lodges in each District in this State, who have attained to the Scarlet Degree, and are in good standing in their respective Lodges, shall be, and are hereby constituted a Degree Lodge with the powers, privileges, and regulations hereinafter enacted.

SEC. 2. Each Degree Lodge, constituted as aforesaid, shall be hailed and known by the name of the city or town in which it is situated, and shall be numbered according to the seniority of the first Lodge established in such District, as laid down in page 196, of the published proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as follows:—

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|-------|
| New Haven Degree Lodge, No. 1. | | | |
| Hartford | " | " | " 2. |
| East Haddam | " | " | " 3. |
| Bridgeport | " | " | " 4. |
| Derby | " | " | " 5. |
| Danbury | " | " | " 6. |
| New London | " | " | " 7. |
| Norwalk | " | " | " 8. |
| Norwich | " | " | " 9. |
| Middletown | " | " | " 10. |
| Stonington | " | " | " 11. |
| Milford | " | " | " 12. |
| Willimantic | " | " | " 13. |
| Tolland | " | " | " 14. |
| Essexborough | " | " | " 15. |
| Waterbury | " | " | " 16. |
| Ware House Point | " | " | " 17. |
| Granby | " | " | " 18. |
| Stamford | " | " | " 19. |
| Oakland | " | " | " 20. |

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of each D. D. Grand Master, appointed for the present term, to give notice in each Lodge in his District, immediately after his appointment, of some time within ten days from the day of notice, when a meeting of the members of the Scarlet Degree will be held in some lodge room in the District, for the purpose of electing officers. In such Districts as having been recently established, and have no D. D. G. Master, it shall be the duty of the acting N. G. to give such notice, and proceed as directed for the D. D. Grand Master. At the time and place appointed, in pursuance to the foregoing notice, the D. D. Grand Master, or N. G., upon the presence of five members, shall call the meeting to order, and appoint a Secretary *pro tem*; and proceed to the nomination and election of officers, as prescribed by the Constitution for Degree Lodges. And upon the election of such officers, the Degree Lodge for that District shall be considered as duly established, and shall proceed to perform its duties, according to the provisions of the Constitution for Degree Lodges.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge shall, immediately on receiving notice of the organization of a Degree Lodge within the District, furnish the Secretary thereof with a certified list of all the members of his Lodge, who have attained to the Scarlet Degree. And he shall also notify the Secretary of the Degree Lodge, of the withdrawals, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths, of all members of the Scarlet Degree, belonging to his Lodge.

SEC. 5. The expenses of the Degree Lodge, and the necessary regalia and emblems, for the use of the Degree Lodge, shall be paid by the several Lodges in the District, in proportion to the number of the members of each Lodge, who have attained to the Scarlet Degree.

CONSTITUTION FOR DEGREE LODGES,

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONN.

ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

How constituted.

SEC. 1. This Degree Lodge shall be constituted of all the members of the Subordinate Lodges in this District, who are in good standing, and who have attained to the Scarlet Degree, and shall be entitled
Degree Lodge, No.

By-Laws.

SEC. 2. This Degree Lodge shall be invested with power to enact such by-laws, and regulations, as may be deemed expedient; provided they do not contravene any of the laws, resolutions or enactments of the Grand Lodge, or the general laws and principles of the Order. But no law shall be valid, unless a notice thereof in writing shall have been laid before the Degree Lodge at a regular meeting, previous to the one at which it is adopted, and a notice of its pendency be given to each Subordinate Lodge within the District.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Enrolling Members.

SEC. 1. The members of the Scarlet Degree in each of the Lodges in this district, as furnished by the Secretaries of said Lodges, shall be enrolled as members; and all brothers belonging to a Lodge in this district, shall upon receiving the Scarlet Degree, be enrolled as members. But every member, on ceasing to be a member of a Lodge in this district, shall cease to be a member of this Degree Lodge.

Certificate.

SEC. 2 Each brother upon presenting himself for the degrees, shall present a certificate in the following form:

LODGE, No. I. O. O. F.

This certifies that brother _____ a member of this Lodge, has applied for the five degrees of this order, and has been, by a ballot in this Lodge, authorized to receive the same.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands, and the seal of said Lodge, this _____ day of _____ 184 .

* SEAL. *

N. G.
Secretary,

Admission.

SEC. 3. No brother shall be admitted into this Degree Lodge, except by certificate or card, who cannot prove himself in the Q. P. W. and P. W. of the S. D. Nor shall any member be allowed to speak or vote, while under charges in a Subordinate Lodge.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

Election.

SEC. 1. The Officers of this Degree Lodge shall be a *District Deputy Grand Master*, who shall be appointed by the Deputy Grand Master; a *Vice Deputy*; a *Past Grand*; all of whom must be Past Grands; a *Secretary*; a *Warden*; a *Conductor*;

and a *Guardian* ; who shall be elected by ballot, according to the regulations for Subordinate Lodges, [Article V. Sec. 4, Constitution for Subordinate Lodges]

District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the D. D. Grand Master to preside at all meetings of the Degree Lodge, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge. He shall be empowered to call special meetings of the Degree Lodge, at his discretion.

Vice Deputy.

SEC. 3. The Vice Deputy shall assist the D. D. Grand Master, in the meetings of the Degree Lodge ; he shall perform such duties as are laid down in the Lectures and Charges, and in the absence of the D. D. Grand Master, he shall preside.

Past Grand.

SEC. 4. The Past Grand shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Charges and Lectures.

Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the doings of the Degree Lodge, together with a list of all its members, and the dates of conferring the Scarlet Degree on each by this Degree Lodge. He shall transmit to the Secretary of each Lodge within the District, immediately after each meeting, the names of such members of that Lodge as have had degrees conferred upon them at that meeting. At the end of his official term he shall make out a report of the work of the term, and transmit it to the Grand Secretary, on or before the second Wednesdays of July and January.

Warden.

SEC. 6. The Warden shall have charge of the regalia and emblems of the Degree Lodge, and shall perform such duties as are required by the Charges and Lectures ; he shall open and close the Degree Lodge in due form.

Conductor.

SEC. 7. The Conductor shall prepare and introduce all candidates for degrees, and perform such other duties as are required by the Charges and Lectures.

Guardian.

SEC. 8. The Guardian shall have charge of the ante-rooms and doors of the Degree Lodge room, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Degree Lodge.

Nomination and Election.

SEC. 9. The officers of this Degree Lodge shall be nominated and elected, at the first meetings of July and January, and shall hold their offices for six months, and until the election of their successors.

Sec. 10. This Lodge may at its first meetings in July and January, annually, nominate by ballot, one or more Past Grands belonging to this District, for D. D. Grand Master. The person having the largest number of votes at each ballot, being so nominated. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to transmit an attested notice of such nomination to the Deputy Grand Master, on or before the second Wednesdays of July and January.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.

Sec. 1. This Degree Lodge shall hold two regular meetings in each month, which shall be specified in the By Laws, and a notice of the time and place of meetings shall be posted in each Lodge room in the district.

Sec. 2. This Degree Lodge shall at all times be open in the Scarlet Degree for the transaction of business, except conferring the four first Degrees.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. WIGHTMAN,
A. C. HEITMANN.

Committee on the State of the Order.

Resolution that the report of the Grand Master be accepted, and printed with the Journal of the session—passed.

Report of the Committee on the State of the Order, on further returns, accepted; (see pages 245–6, of published proceedings.)

Sundry bills presented and ordered paid.

Bill of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, for postage of letters of rejection, suspension and expulsion* for six months, ending June 2, 1846; rejected.

Representative Heitmann offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges be directed not to notify each other of the suspension of members when the cause is non-payment of dues.

On motion of Representative Thomas, the resolution was amended as follows, and as amended, passed.

Resolved, That article IV. Section 7, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended by adding after the word "suspended" in the first line, the words "except those suspended for non-payment of dues."

* This application was founded upon a resolution of the Grand Lodge, reimbursing to Subordinate Lodges expenses incurred in receiving such notices; page 80, Grand Lodge Journal. The Grand Lodge by this decision restricts that resolution to the particular case then under consideration. L. G. P.

The select committee to whom was referred the subject of Procession of the Order, offered the following report and resolutions.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee to whom was referred the whole subject of Processions of Subordinate Lodges, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have duly considered the subject, and would offer the following resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. HASTINGS, } Committee.
JOHN N. WILSON, }

Resolved, That whenever a Subordinate Lodge may desire to hold a public procession, in full regalia, application for liberty to hold such procession shall be made to the D. D. Grand Master of the District where the procession is to be holden, who may grant the request, provided two thirds of the members present at a regular Lodge meeting shall have voted in favor thereof.

Resolved, That the order of processions for Subordinate Lodges, as established by this Grand Lodge, is not intended for funerals,—except in the arrangement of members—but the order for such processions is for the present left to the discretion of each Subordinate Lodge.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge, a plan for funeral processions, for Subordinate Lodges.

Report accepted and resolutions passed.

Resolution that the thanks of this Grand Lodge, be hereby presented to Past Grand Master H. L. Miller, for the impartial and judicious manner in which he has discharged the arduous duties of Grand Master of this Grand Lodge: passed.

Resolution that so much of the Grand Masters report as relates to the action of a certain ecclesiastical association, respecting our beloved order, as obnoxious and opposed to the social and religious institutions of our country, be, and the same is hereby heartily concurred in and adopted, as the opinion of this Grand Lodge—passed.

Resolution that the Grand Secretary be instructed to furnish copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Warden, which books shall remain the property of the officers named, and be transmitted by said officers to their successors: passed.

Representative Thomas called up the following resolution, which at the last semi-annual session was laid over to the present session. (Page 228 of printed Journal.)

Resolved, That D. D. Grand Master Utley did not knowingly disregard and overrule the decision of the Grand Master, (in the matter of the installation of brother T. P. Abell, as V. G. of Central Lodge, No. 12,) inasmuch as the Grand Master did not officially communicate to him his decision on that subject.

On motion, the resolution was indefinitely postponed, by a vote of 37 to 13 ; and the Grand Secretary was directed to enter the vote upon the Journal.

Resolution that 500 copies of the Journal of the present session be printed : passed.

Resolution that the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to procure such number of Desks for the use of the Grand Lodge, as the increasing wants of this body require : passed.

Representative Devotion, of No. 11, offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the resolution (on page 228, printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge,) requiring that the N. G. of Subordinate Lodges take the sense of their respective Lodges upon any question that may come before them *by raising the right hand*, be rescinded : passed.

The Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, after which the Grand Lodge adjourned without day.

Attest,

LUCIUS G. PECK,
Grand Secretary.

Abstract of Quarterly Returns made in the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from Dec. 1845, to March, 1846.

| Name and No. of Lodges. | Number. | Number initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number in membership. | Receipts of Gener- al Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow & Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to G. Lodge. | |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|----|
| Quinnipiac, Charter Oak,* | 1 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 443 | \$527.62 | \$98.23 | | | \$4 | |
| Middlesex, | 2 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 77 | 109.96 | 11.25 | \$275.06 | \$243.63 | 5 | |
| Pequanock, | 3 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 227 | 1322.27 | | 1238.46 | 761.11 | 9 | |
| Harmony, | 4 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 275 | 1503.26 | 653.27 | 731.23 | 3 | |
| Ousatonic, | 5 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 121 | 237.43 | 25.43 | 578.31 | 304.41 | 12 |
| Samaritan, | 6 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | † | 177 | 195.14 | 41.37 | 629.57 | 490.14 | 4 |
| Mercantile, | 7 | 8 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 125 | 216.68 | 39.37 | 320.17 | 165.41 | 17 |
| Thames, | 8 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 127 | 279.48 | 86.49 | 704.72 | 853.29 | 21 |
| Our Brothers, | 9 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 147 | 141.00 | 44.8- | 228.12 | 400.51 | 5 |
| Uncas, | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 288 | 405.98 | 68.93 | 2569.21 | 839.52 | 10 |
| Central, | 12 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 174 | 1524.98 | | 635.44 | 336.18 | 33 |
| Charity, | 13 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | † | 0 | 80 | 115.03 | 30.48 | 359.27 | 92.57 | 8 |
| Wopowage, | 14 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | § | 0 | 52 | 45.12 | 10.38 | 289.07 | 66.45 | 2 |
| Montawese, | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 29.15 | | 203.35 | | 00 |
| Washington, | 16 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 1202.00 | | | | 14 |
| Trumbull, | 17 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 266.29 | 35.21 | 222.77 | 35.21 | 22 |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | 178.54 | 31.47 | 467.31 | 31.47 | 15 |
| Mystic, | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 23.16 | 3.87 | | 23.08 | 1 |
| Fenwick, | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 47.27 | 9.25 | 77.19 | 60.65 | 3 |
| Nosahogan, | 21 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 165.81 | 19.25 | 292.71 | 52.28 | 10 |
| Farm. & Mech. | 22 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 73 | 233.68 | 25.58 | 218.39 | 103.60 | 15 |
| Achanthus, | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 15.00 | | 33.82 | 27.27 | 1 |
| Rippowam, | 24 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 105.99 | 15.49 | 254.90 | 80.67 | 5 |
| Oakland, | 25 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 133.00 | | | | 22 |
| Stonington, | 26 | 29 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 135.04 | 11.00 | 85.53 | 11.00 | 29 |
| Oweneco, | 27 | 23 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 | 437.14 | 36.77 | | 36.77 | 29 |
| Total, | | 209 | 38 | 4 | 21 | 40 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5861.16 | 644.70 | 10346.81 | 5781.45 | 299 | |

* No returns.

† T. H. Barr, expelled for drunkenness. ‡ Francis A. Bottom, expelled for immoral conduct.

§ R. H. Auger, expelled for conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

|| including receipts of Widow and Orphan's Fund.

Abstract of Quarterly Returns made by the several Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from March to June, 1846.

| Name and No. of Lodge. | Number. | Number initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number in membership. | Receipts of Gener- al Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund on hand. | Whole amount of Widow & Orphan Fund on hand. | Dues to G. Lodge. |
|------------------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--|-------------------|
| Quinnipiac, Charter Oak,† | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 435 | \$443.61 | \$32.30 | \$1839.97 | \$1966.08 | \$0 |
| Middlesex, | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 93.14 | 18.12 | 307.33 | 261.75 | 7 |
| Pequanock, | 3 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 247.93 | 59.78 | 1321.54 | 820.89 | 8 |
| Harmony, | 4 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 269 | 358.73 | | 487.47 | 757.41 | 2 |
| Ousatonic, | 5 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 231.55 | 29.65 | 740.51 | 342.77 | 10 |
| Samaritan, | 6 | 7 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 135 | 222.08 | 41.25 | 562.77 | 511.39 | 5 |
| Mercantile, | 7 | 8 | 24 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 149 | 324.47 | 50.89 | | 218.65 | 24 |
| Thames, | 8 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 279 | 180.31 | 29.34 | 740.72 | 873.29 | 3 |
| Our Brothers, | 9 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 165 | 198.89 | 45.44 | 275.73 | 446.15 | 15 |
| Uncas, | 10 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 306 | 543.06 | 85.28 | 2896.82 | 921.80 | 21 |
| Central, | 11 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 181 | 223.22 | | 659.36 | 404.28 | 8 |
| Charity, | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 84 | 50.59 | 9.14 | 341.03 | 98.00 | 4 |
| Wopowage, | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 33.76 | 2.17 | 318.05 | 70.43 | 0 |
| Montawese, | 14 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 82.99 | | 215.28 | | 5 |
| Washington, | 15 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 104.67 | 33.83 | 199.44 | 125.62 | 3 |
| Trumbull, | 16 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 95 | 124.00 | 46.63 | 250.00 | 46.63 | 2 |
| Nathan Hale, | 17 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 90.63 | 20.81 | 373.48 | 51.10 | 2 |
| Mystic, | 18 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 47.20 | 8.93 | | 19.66 | 4 |
| Fenwick, | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 69.25 | 10.75 | 45.05 | 69.90 | 4 |
| Nosahogan, | 20 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 120.18 | 14.50 | 9.98 | 75.53 | 3 |
| Farm. & Mech. | 21 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 88 | 176.18 | 10.98 | 407.83 | 114.58 | 10 |
| Acanthus, | 22 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 33.09 | | 41.82 | 33.27 | |
| Rippowam, | 23 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 238.18 | 24.56 | 183.48 | 65.18 | 18 |
| Oakland,* | 24 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stonington, | 25 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 46.12 | 9.12 | 54.99 | 20.52 | 10 |
| Oweneco, | 26 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | 225.17 | 62.81 | 23.21 | 35.77 | 13 |
| Hancock, | 27 | 31 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 347.38 | 35.75 | 127.48 | 35.75 | 3 |
| Howard, | 28 | 5 | 40 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 309.00 | 5.12 | 102.98 | 5.12 | 5 |
| Union, | 29 | 18 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 195.15 | 3.96 | | 3.96 | 18 |
| Olive Branch, | 30 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 150.62 | 15.37 | 89.15 | 15.37 | 15 |
| Total, | | 254 | 75 | 1 | 27 | 73 | 19 | 2 | 4 | 3321 | 5519.09 | 706.40 | 12614.40 | 8412.45 | 254 |

* Andrew Terrill, suspended for habitual intoxication.

† George Riday, expelled for habitual intoxication.

‡ No returns from these Lodges.

§ John Gallagher, fraud on the Lodge.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RELIEF.

| LODGES. | Number. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. fam. relieved. | Brothers buried. | Paid for the relief of brothers. | Paid for relief of wid-owed families. | Paid for educating orphans. | Paid for burying the dead. | Total Amount. |
|----------------------|---------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Quinnipiac, | 1 | 89 | 0 | 5 | \$1721 00 | \$0 00 | \$0 00 | \$210 00 | \$1931 00 |
| Charter Oak, | 2 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 499 00 | 30 00 | .00 | .00 | 529 00 |
| Middlesex, | 3 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 203 00 | .00 | .00 | 30 00 | 223 00 |
| Pequanock, | 4 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 335 00 | 15 00 | .00 | .00 | 300 00 |
| Harmony, | 5 | 45 | 2 | 1 | 1280 00 | 60 00 | .00 | 30 00 | 1370 00 |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 238 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 238 00 |
| Samaritan, | 7 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 457 00 | 55 00 | .00 | .00 | 522 00 |
| Mercantile, | 8 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 105 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 105 00 |
| Thames, | 9 | 62 | 0 | 2 | 1052 00 | .00 | .00 | 60 00 | 1112 00 |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 287 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 237 00 |
| Uncas, | 11 | 43 | 0 | 3 | 562 50 | .00 | .00 | 120 00 | 682 50 |
| Central, | 12 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 319 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 319 00 |
| Charity, | 13 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 92 00 | 25 55 | .00 | 30 00 | 147 00 |
| Wopowage, | 14 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 32 00 | 15 00 | .00 | .00 | 47 00 |
| Montawese, | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 14 00 |
| Washington, | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 156 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 156 00 |
| Trumbull, | 17 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 64 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 64 00 |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 110 42 | .00 | .00 | 30 00 | 140 42 |
| Mystic, | 19 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 68 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 68 00 |
| Fenwick, | 20 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 98 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 98 00 |
| Nosahogan, | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 44 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 40 00 |
| Farmers & Mechanics, | 22 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 10 00 |
| Acanthus, | 23 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 12 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 42 00 |
| Rippowam, | 24 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 10 00 |
| Oakland, | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Stonington, | 26 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 40 00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | 40 00 |
| Oweneco, | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Hancock, | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Howard, | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Union, | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Olive Branch, | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 | .00 |
| Total, | | 510 | 11 | 14 | 7062.92 | 200.55 | 0.00 | 510.00 | 8171.92 |

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name. | No. | Where established. | | When Instituted. | Sessions. | Place of Meeting. |
|----------------------|-----|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Post Office. | County. | | | |
| Quinnipiac,* | 1. | New Haven, | New Haven. | 1 Sept. 3d, 1838. | Every Monday. | Temple, corner of Orange and Court sts. |
| Charter Oak,* | 2. | Hartford, | Hartford. | 2 April 31st, 1840. | " Tuesday. | South-east corner of Main and State sts. |
| Middlesex,* | 3. | E. Haddam Landing, | Middlesex. | 3 " 22d, 1840. | 1st and 3d Mondays. | Pratt's Hall, Bank street. |
| Pedquianock, | 4. | Bridgeport, | Fairfield. | 4 June 11th, 1811. | Every Tuesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Harmon, | 5. | New Haven, | New Haven. | 1 " 15th, 1811. | " Tuesday. | Cate's Hall, Derby Narrow. |
| Quasong, | 6. | Derby, | New Haven. | 3 October 13th, 1841. | Monday. | Mercantile Hall, cor. Main and Temple sts. |
| Samartian, | 7. | Janbury, | Fairfield. | 6 May 3th, 1742. | Wednesday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Mercantile, | 8. | Hartford, | Hartford. | 7 Sept. 22d, 1842. | Friday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Thames, | 9. | New London, | New London. | 8 October 19th, 1843. | Monday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Our Brother, | 10. | Norwalk, | Fairfield. | 9 March 10th, 1843. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Linna, | 11. | Norwich City, | Middlesex. | 10 June 19th, 1843. | Thursday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Central, | 12. | Middletown, | Middlesex. | 11 April 11th, 1844. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Charity, | 13. | Lower Mysick, | New Haven. | 12 June 19th, 1844. | Monday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Wopwago, | 14. | Malton, | New London. | 1 January 8th, 1845. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Monlaweso, | 15. | New Haven, | New Haven. | 13 Dec. 26th, 1844. | Monday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Washington, | 16. | Williamatic, | Windham. | 7 " 20th, 1844. | Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Trainbull, | 17. | New London, | New London. | 14 January 17th, 1845. | Wednesday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Nathan Hale, | 18. | Tolland, | Tolland. | 11 Feb. 27th, 1845. | Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Mysick, | 19. | Upper Mysick, | New London. | 15 March 19th, 1845. | Thursday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Fenwick, | 20. | Essexborough, | Middlesex. | 16 July 1st, 1845. | Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Noshogan, | 21. | Waterbury, | New Haven. | 17 June 12th, 1845. | Thursday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Farmers & Mechanics, | 22. | Warehouse Point, | Hartford. | 18 August 20th, 1845. | Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Acanthus, | 23. | Granby, | Hartford. | 19 October 1st, 1845. | Wednesday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Ripowam, | 24. | Sumford, | Fairfield. | 20 " 9th, 1815. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Oakland, | 25. | Oakland, | New London. | 11 Dec. 12th, 1845. | Tuesday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Stunnington, | 26. | Greenwich, | New London. | 9 January 1st, 1846. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Coveraco, | 27. | Greenwich, | New Haven. | 21 March 4th, 1846. | Monday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Hamock, | 28. | Martien, | Fairfield. | 6 " 24th, 1846. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Howard, | 29. | Bethel, | Fairfield. | 22 " 27th, 1846. | Friday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Union, | 30. | Winsted, | Litchfield. | 23 April 1st, 1846. | Monday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Olive Branch, | 31. | Killing, | Fairfield. | May 14th, 1846. | Monday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |
| Nazarene, | 32. | Stamford, | Tolland. | July 15th, 1846. | Wednesday. | Exchange, corner Church and Chapel sts. |
| Frestone, | 33. | Portland, | Middlesex. | | Wednesday. | Douglas Hall, Golden street. |

* Original charters from Grand Lodge of United States.

Dr. *Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, in account*

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| 1845. | | | | |
| July 9, | To Cash paid J. B. Bowditch, | - | - | \$2 00 |
| | " " C. W. Bradley, | - | - | 59.59 |
| | " " Representatives, | - | - | 111.00 |
| | " " C. A. Converse, | - | - | 9.00 |
| | " " J. W. Johnson, | - | - | 5.00 |
| | " " S. A. Hurlbut, | - | - | 6.00 |
| | " " J. Mowry | - | - | 5.00 |
| | " " J. L. Devotion, | - | - | 23.03 |
| | " " J. B. Gilman, | - | - | 5.00 |
| | " " W. B. Dunning, | - | - | 2.00 |
| | " " H. L. Miller, | - | - | 6.04 |
| | " " Hitchcock & Stafford, for Printing, | - | - | 23.19 |
| | " " S. Bishop, | - | - | 72 |
| | " " H. Stow, | - | - | 1.75 |
| | " " L. A. Thomas, | - | - | 4.04 |
| | " " I. A. Blakeslee, | - | - | 2.25 |
| 26, | " " Grand Lodge of United States, | - | - | 98.13 |
| | " " Grand Lodge of United States, Dues, | - | - | 40.00 |
| 29, | " " Grand Lodge of United States, | - | - | 156.25 |
| Aug. 18, | " " G. M. R. S. Hinman's Monument, | - | - | 112.00 |
| Sept. 2, | " " Botsford & Phillips, | - | - | 15.00 |
| 8, | " " F. Croswell, Grand Representative, | - | - | 35.00 |
| 10, | " " C. J. Gruman, Grand Guardian, | - | - | 5.50 |
| 11, | " " J. M. Willey, Grand Chaplain, | - | - | 6.00 |
| | " " Grand Representatives, | - | - | 25.00 |
| 12, | " " P. M. Judson, Grand Conductor, | - | - | 9.00 |
| Nov. 20, | " " C. W. Bradley, | - | - | 12.50 |
| 1846. | | | | |
| Jan. 15, | " " Representative, | - | - | 135.00 |
| | " " Hitchcock & Stafford, | - | - | 215.25 |
| | " " C. W. Bradley, | - | - | 33.98 |
| | " " J. R. Langdon, | - | - | 60.50 |
| | " " E. Geer, | - | - | 17.50 |
| | " " Harmony Lodge, for rent, | - | - | 15.00 |
| | " " I. A. Blakeslee, | - | - | 3.75 |
| | " " F. Croswell, | - | - | 14.00 |
| | " " S. B. Brittan, | - | - | 40.00 |
| | " " H. L. Miller, | - | - | 17.25 |
| | " " H. L. Miller, | - | - | 5.00 |
| | " " J. Greenwood, Jr., | - | - | 6.00 |
| | " " J. M. Willey, | - | - | 6.00 |
| | " " J. W. Johnson, | - | - | 5.00 |
| | " " C. J. Gruman, | - | - | 5.50 |
| | " " L. A. Thomas, | - | - | 5.00 |
| Feb. 26, | " " Grand Lodge, U. S. | - | - | 152.50 |
| April 22, | " " C. W. Bradley, | - | - | 15.00 |
| | " " Counterfeit bill, | - | - | 20.00 |
| | Ballance to new account, | | | 60.79 |
| | | | | \$1613.01 |

with Samuel Bishop, Grand Treasurer.

Cr.

1845.

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|----------------|------------------------------|---|---|---|----------|
| July 9, | By balance brought forward, | - | - | - | \$357.39 |
| | Cash for Charter for No. 22, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | Dues from No. 1, | - | - | - | 11.00 |
| | " " No. 2, | - | - | - | 40.00 |
| | " " No. 3, | - | - | - | 14.00 |
| | " " No. 4, | - | - | - | 53.00 |
| | " " No. 5, | - | - | - | 7.00 |
| | " " No. 6, | - | - | - | 24.00 |
| | " " No. 7, | - | - | - | 16.00 |
| | " " No. 8, | - | - | - | 35.00 |
| | " " No. 9, | - | - | - | 19.00 |
| | " " No. 10, | - | - | - | 14.00 |
| | " " No. 11, | - | - | - | 33.00 |
| | " " No. 13, | - | - | - | 37.00 |
| | " " No. 14, | - | - | - | 9.00 |
| | " " No. 15, | - | - | - | 9.00 |
| | " " No. 16, | - | - | - | 37.00 |
| | " " No. 17, | - | - | - | 38.00 |
| | " " No. 18, | - | - | - | 34.00 |
| | " " No. 19, | - | - | - | 11.00 |
| | " " No. 20, | - | - | - | 10.00 |
| 1846. Jan. 14, | Charter for No. 23, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | " " No. 24, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | " " No. 25, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | " " No. 26, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | " " No. 27, | - | - | - | 30.00 |
| | Dues, " No. 1, | - | - | - | 18.00 |
| Jan. 15, | " " No. 2, | - | - | - | 36.25 |
| | " " No. 3, | - | - | - | 7.00 |
| | " " No. 4, | - | - | - | 23.25 |
| | " " No. 5, | - | - | - | 13.75 |
| | " " No. 6, | - | - | - | 25.00 |
| | " " No. 7, | - | - | - | 24.00 |
| | " " No. 8, | - | - | - | 44.00 |
| | " " No. 9, | - | - | - | 36.00 |
| | " " No. 10, | - | - | - | 32.00 |
| | " " No. 11, | - | - | - | 29.00 |
| | " " No. 12, | - | - | - | 62.56 |
| | " " No. 13, | - | - | - | 11.00 |
| | " " No. 14, | - | - | - | 18.50 |
| | " " No. 15, | - | - | - | 12.00 |
| | " " No. 16, | - | - | - | 16.00 |
| | " " No. 17, | - | - | - | 22.00 |
| | " " No. 18, | - | - | - | 29.50 |
| | " " No. 19, | - | - | - | 14.75 |
| | " " No. 20, | - | - | - | 16.00 |
| | " " No. 21, | - | - | - | 41.56 |
| | " " No. 22, | - | - | - | 58.00 |
| | " " No. 24, | - | - | - | 3.00 |
| | " " No. 25, | - | - | - | 1.50 |

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

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**OFFICERS FOR 1846-7.**

|                                  |                                |
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| <b>M. W. PRELATE DEMICK</b>      | <i>Grand Master.</i>           |
| <b>R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR.</b> | <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>    |
| <b>R. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,</b>   | <i>Grand Warden.</i>           |
| <b>R. W. LUCIUS G. PECK,</b>     | <i>Grand Secretary.</i>        |
| <b>R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,</b>      | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>        |
| <b>R. W. PHILO M. JUDSON,</b>    | } <i>Grand Representatives</i> |
| <b>R. W. HENRY L. MILLER,</b>    |                                |
| <b>W. TOWNSEND P. ABEL,</b>      | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>         |
| <b>W. NEWEL C. HALL,</b>         | <i>Grand Marshall.</i>         |
| <b>W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN,</b>    | <i>Grand Conductor.</i>        |
| <b>W. EDSON FSSSENDEN,</b>       | <i>Grand Guardian.</i>         |

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**JAMES B. GILMAN,        JOHN L. DEVOTION,**  
**CHARLES W. BRADLEY,    HENRY L. MILLER.**

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| Dis. No. 1, SAMUEL B. GORHAM,  | Dis. No. 13, LLOYD E. BALDWIN, |
| " " 2, THOMAS H. SEYMOUR,      | " " 14, WILLIAM W. BRACE,      |
| " " 3, R. S. PRATT,            | " " 15, <i>Grand Warden,</i>   |
| " " 4, A. M. RUGGLES,          | " " 16, W. M. PFMBERTON.       |
| " " 5, JAMES KNERINGER,        | " " 17, JOSEPH OLMSTEAD, Jr.   |
| " " 6, <i>D. Grand Master,</i> | " " 18, JOSIAH C. BANNING,     |
| " " 7, THOMAS J. GREENWOOD,    | " " 19, B. B. HALLOCK,         |
| " " 8, P. L. CUNNINGHAM,       | " " 20, HENRY W. HUDSON,       |
| " " 9, C. A. CONVERSE.         | " " 21, JOHN D. POST.          |
| " " 10, TOWNSEND P. ABEL,      | " " 22, JOHN H. MILLS,         |
| " " 11, GEORGE D. HYDE,        | " " 23, JOHN H. DART.          |
| " " 12, BENJAMIN D. WELLS,     |                                |

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LUCIUS G. PECK.

*Committee on Grievances.*

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| CHARLES K. BROWN,    | No. 1, | J. N. HARRIS,        | No. 17, |
| HENRY HASTINGS,      | " 2,   | E. KILBOURN,         | " 18,   |
| RICHARD S. PRATT,    | " 3,   | GEORGE D. HYDE,      | " 19,   |
| ASHER M. RUGGLES,    | " 4,   | JAMES H. PRATT,      | " 20,   |
| GEORGE LINES,        | " 5,   | DAVID S. LAW,        | " 21,   |
| ROBERT H. WOOD,      | " 6,   | JAMES OLMSTEAD,      | " 22,   |
| W. F. HOYT,          | " 7,   | J. C. BANNING,       | " 23,   |
| THOMAS MARTIN,       | " 8,   | BENJAMIN B. HALLOCK, | " 24,   |
| ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN,   | " 9,   | HENRY W. HUDSON,     | " 25,   |
| PETER L. CUNNINGHAM, | " 10,  | CHARLES H. SMITH,    | " 26,   |
| L. W. RODGERS,       | " 11,  | JAMES D. MOWRY,      | " 27,   |
| ORIGEN UTLEY,        | " 12,  | —————,               | " 28,   |
| WILLIAM E. MEEKER,   | " 13,  | A. C. SHEPHERD,      | " 29,   |
| JOHN N. BUCKINGHAM,  | " 14,  | JOHN H. MILLS,       | " 30,   |
| JAMES H. CARRINGTON, | " 15,  | JOHN H. DART,        | " 31,   |
| L. E. BALDWIN,       | " 16,  |                      |         |

**MEMBERS.****QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.**

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Samuel Bishop, Nov. 24, 1840.         | Charles Ball, January 11, 1844.     |
| William E. Vibbert,* Nov. 24, 1840.   | Newell C. Hall, January 11, 1844.   |
| Thomas J. Stafford, April 8, 1841.    | Ralph Warren, July 11, 1844.        |
| Robinson S. Hinman,† April 8, 1841.   | Alexander O. Coburn, July 11, 1844. |
| Adrian C. Heilmann, July 8, 1841.     | Charles K. Brown, January 8, 1845.  |
| William H. Ellis, October 14, 1841.   | Daniel H. Moore, July 9, 1845.      |
| John G. Hotchkiss,† January 13, 1842. | George N. Seagrave, July 9, 1845.   |
| Lucius A. Thomas, April 14, 1842.     | Samuel B. Gorham, Sept. 12, 1845.   |
| Jonas B. Bowditch, July 14, 1842.     | Walter Osborn, January 14, 1846.    |
| Benjamin R. Hitchcock, Oct. 27, 1842. | William Goodwin, January 14, 1846.  |
| William A. Goodwin, Jan. 12, 1843.    | Frederick P. Gorham, July 8, 1846.  |
| Isaac Judson, April 20, 1843.         | Cornelius Wildman, July 8, 1846.    |
| Prelate Demick, July 13, 1843.        |                                     |

**CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.**

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| James B. Gillman, November 24, 1840.  | John W. Johnson, January 11, 1844. |
| John Moore, January 14, 1841.         | Henry Hastings, July 11, 1844.     |
| Nathan M. Waterman, April 8, 1841.    | Edward Button, January 8, 1845.    |
| James B. Shults, October 14, 1841.    | Thomas H. Seymour, July 9, 1845.   |
| Benjamin F. Folger, October 14, 1841. | Timothy Sheldon, July 9, 1845.     |
| Guy R. Phelps, January 13, 1842.      | Mason Smith, July 9, 1845.         |
| Henry H. Dickinson, Oct. 18, 1842.    | Joseph W. Hale, January 14, 1846.  |
| Joel Pratt, 3d,† April 20, 1843.      | Joseph Pratt, Jr. July 8, 1846.    |
| E. C. Kellogg, January 11, 1843.      | S. H. Havens, July 8, 1846.        |

\* Suspended,

† Deceased.

## MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

John C. Palmer, November 24, 1840.  
 Richard S. Pratt, April 8, 1841.  
 Charles W. Bradley, July 8, 1841.  
 Porter H. Snow, October 18, 1842.  
 William W. Kingsley, Jan. 12, 1843.

Thomas C. Bordman, April 20, 1843.  
 Luther Boardman, April 20, 1843.  
 Francis M. Palmer, January 14, 1846.  
 Daniel Cone, January 14, 1846.

## PEQUANOCK LODGE, No. 4.

George Walter, January 13, 1842.  
 Gilson Landon, April 14, 1842.  
 John M. Wilson, October 18, 1842.  
 Eliphalet B. Stevens, Oct. 18, 1842.  
 Samuel B. Brittan, October 18, 1842.  
 Joseph Crosby, January 12, 1843.  
 Frederick Griffith, April 20, 1843.  
 William L. Watson, Jan. 11, 1844.

Ammon Williams, January 11, 1844.  
 Edward Hamilton, July 11, 1844.  
 William S. Atkinson, July 11, 1844.  
 Benjamin H. Mills, January 8, 1845.  
 John W. Wilmot, January 8, 1845.  
 Benajah Mallory, July 9, 1845.  
 Jared B. Collins, July 9, 1849.  
 Asher M. Ruggles, July 8, 1846.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

J. W. Newell, Jr.\* October 14, 1841.  
 Joseph G. Anthony, January 13, 1842.  
 Thomas C. Hollis, July 14, 1842.  
 Samuel O. Merwin,† Oct. 18, 1842.  
 Dennis Carrington,\* Oct. 18, 1842.  
 Noah Chandler, January 12, 1843.  
 Robert H. Starr, April 20, 1843.  
 Clark Beach, January 11, 1844.  
 John C. Hayden, January 11, 1844.  
 Stephen Lawton, January 11, 1844.

John A. Parmelee, July 11, 1844.  
 Andrew L. Brown, July 11, 1844.  
 Louis L. Beecher, January 8, 1845.  
 Jobamah Gunn, January 8, 1845.  
 Lucius G. Peck, July 9, 1845.  
 William H. Stanley, July 9, 1845.  
 William N. Clayton, January 14, 1846.  
 George Lines, January 14, 1846.  
 Samuel Tolles, July 8, 1846.

## OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

Sheldon Bassett, April 14, 1842.  
 Robert Gates, Jr., July 14, 1842.  
 Robert R. Wood, April 20, 1843.  
 James Kneringer, January 11, 1844.  
 Simeon Tomlinson, January 11, 1844.  
 Lewis Hotchkiss, July 11, 1844.  
 Horatio N. Hawkins, July 11, 1844.

Ely Burritt, July 11, 1844.  
 Sydney Ailing, July 11, 1844.  
 William N. Priestly, July 9, 1845.  
 George Bristol, July 9, 1845.  
 Charles Smith, January, 14, 1846.  
 Matthew Donnelly, January 14, 1846.

## SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

Stephen A. Hurlbut, April 20, 1843.  
 William W. Bedient, July 13, 1843.  
 John L. Ambler, January 11, 1844.  
 John Greenwood, Jr., July 11, 1844.  
 Munson A. Shepherd, January 8, 1845.

David P. Nichols, July 9, 1845.  
 Alexander Lane, July 9, 1845.  
 Ethel T. Farnam, July 9, 1845.  
 William F. Hoyt, January 14, 1846.  
 William A. Judd, January 14, 1846.

## MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

Rowland A. Robbins, April 20, 1843.  
 Henry L. Miller, January 11, 1844.  
 Ezra Clark, Jr., July 11, 1844.  
 A. M. Gordon, July 11, 1844.  
 James A. Ayrault, January 8, 1845.  
 Edson Fessenden, January 8, 1845.

William B. Ely, July 9, 1845.  
 James C. Walkley, July 9, 1845.  
 Abel N. Clark, July 9, 1845.  
 John W. Danforth, July 9, 1845.  
 Benjamin Stevens, July 8, 1846.  
 Thomas Martin, July 8, 1846.

\* Suspended.

† Withdrawn.

## THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Jesse Rich, April 20, 1843.           | Henry Champlain, July 11, 1844.    |
| Allen S. Wightman, July 13, 1843.     | Henry Stayner, January 8, 1845.    |
| Augustus C. Seaman, January 11, 1844. | George W. Brown, July 9, 1845.     |
| Orrin F. Smith, January 11, 1844.     | Samuel Barry, January 14, 1845.    |
| Charles E. Hewitt, July 11, 1844.     | Thomas J. Greenwood, July 8, 1846. |

## OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

|                                       |                                     |
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| David H. Plumb, April 20, 1843.       | James A. Quintard, January 8, 1845. |
| Asa E. Smith, July 13, 1843.          | Samuel W. Chamberlin, July 9, 1845. |
| Cholwell J. Gruman, January 11, 1844. | Samuel H. Bailey, July 9, 1845.     |
| Stephen Olmsted, January 11, 1844.    | Zeri Clarke, January 14, 1846.      |
| Samuel R. Bunting, January 11, 1844.  | George Randle, January 14, 1846.    |
| Asa Hill, July 11, 1844.              | Henry W. Smith, July 8, 1846.       |
| Richard S. Bucknam, July 11, 1844.    | Peter L. Cunningham, July 8, 1846.  |
| Eli Curtiss, January 8, 1845.         |                                     |

## UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

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| John L. Devotion, July 13, 1843.    | William C. Potter, January 8, 1845. |
| Edward W. Eells, January 11, 1844.  | David Young, July 9, 1845.          |
| James D. Mowry, January 11, 1844.   | Wm. L. Brewer, September 12, 1845.  |
| Charles A. Converse, July 11, 1844. | H. A. Barrows, July 8, 1846.        |
| Philo M. Judson, January 8, 1845.   | H. W. Benchley, July 8, 1846.       |

## CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

|                                     |                                   |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Stephen M. Shaddick, Jan. 11, 1844. | Langdon C. Hubbard, July 9, 1845. |
| Erastus A. Booth, January 11, 1844. | James S. Pardee, July 9, 1845.    |
| Origen Utley, July 11, 1844.        | T. P. Abell, July 8, 1846.        |
| Frederick Brewer, January 8, 1845.  | Alfred Hall, July 8, 1846.        |
| Aaron G. Pease, July 9, 1845.       | Elijah Beach, July 8, 1846.       |

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

|                                |                                |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| William Meeker, July 11, 1844. | Alonzo Williams, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert G. Wolf, July 8, 1846.  | Grove G. King, July 8, 1846.   |

## WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14.

|                                      |                                  |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Benjamin P. Bush, January 8, 1845.   | F. C. Dayton, January 14, 1846.  |
| John N. Buckingham, January 8, 1845. | Benjamin D. Wells, July 8, 1846. |
| George Cornwall, 2d, July 9, 1845.   |                                  |

## MONTEWESE LODGE, No. 15.

|                                     |                                      |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Frederick Crosswell, Nov. 24, 1840. | Wm. E. Sanford, September 12, 1845.  |
| Henry H. Jewett, July 9, 1845.      | Luther P. Bradley, January 14, 1846. |
| Truman Hart, July 9, 1845.          | James Lindergreen, July 8, 1846.     |
| Smith Collins, July 9, 1845.        | James H. Carrington, July 8, 1846.   |

## WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 16.

Lloyd E. Baldwin, July 9, 1845.

## TRUMBULL LODGE, No. 17.

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Cyrus C. Hughes, July 9, 1846.  | William Mercer, July 8, 1846. |
| William S. Noyes, July 9, 1845. | H. A. Latimer, July 8, 1846.  |
| J. N. Harris, July 8, 1846.     |                               |

## NATHAN HALE LODGE, No. 18.

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Henry F. Gardiner, July 9, 1845.     | Calvin Kilbourn, July 8, 1846. |
| Solomon L. Griggs, January 14, 1846. | Reuben Allen, July 8, 1846.    |
| William W. Brace, January 14, 1846.  |                                |

## MYSTIC LODGE, No. 19.

|                                    |                               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| L. F. Smith, July 9, 1845.         | George D. Hyde, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert Saunders, January 14, 1846. |                               |

## FENWICK LODGE, No. 20.

|                                 |                                  |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Junius M. Willey, July 9, 1845. | John S. Dickinson, July 8, 1846. |
| Nathan Pratt, January 14, 1846. | James H. Pratt, July 8, 1846.    |

## NOSAHOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Wm. M. Pemberton, January 14, 1846.   | David S. Lane, July 8, 1846. |
| Chas. U. C. Burton, January 14, 1846. |                              |

## FARMERS AND MECHANICS LODGE, No. 22.

|                                       |                                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Bezaleel Sexton, January 14, 1846.    | George Olmstead, July 8, 1846. |
| William J. Whipple, January 14, 1846. |                                |

## ACANTHUS LODGE, No. 23.

|                                  |                                |
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| Josiah C. Banning, July 8, 1846. | Chester Seymour, July 8, 1846. |
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## RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24.

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Benjamin B. Hallock, Jan. 14, 1846.  | Lorenzo Meeker, July 8, 1846.  |
| William H. Burton, January 14, 1846. | James D. Warren, July 8, 1846. |

## OAKLAND LODGE, No. 25.

|                                   |                                |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Melancthon Hudson, Jan. 14, 1846. | Henry W. Hudson, July 8, 1846. |
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## HOWARD LODGE, No. 29.

A. C. Shepherd, July 8, 1846.

## UNION LODGE, No. 30.

John H. Mills, July 8, 1846.

## OLIVE BRANCH, No. 31.

John H. Dart, July 8, 1846.

## LIST OF DISTRICTS,

WITH THE LODGES IN EACH.

|                     |           |                      |        |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|--------|
| NEW HAVEN DISTRICT, | No. 1,    | { Quinnipiac Lodge,  | No. 1. |
|                     |           | { Harmony            | " 5.   |
|                     |           | { Montawese,         | " 15.  |
| HARTFORD            | " No. 2,  | { Charter Oak        | " 2.   |
|                     |           | { Mercantile         | " 8.   |
| EAST HADDAM         | " No. 3,  | { Middlesex          | " 3.   |
| BRIDGEPORT          | " No. 4,  | { Pequonnock         | " 4.   |
| DERBY               | " No. 5,  | { Ousatonic          | " 6.   |
|                     |           | { Samaritan          | " 7.   |
| DANBURY             | " No. 6,  | { Howard             | " 29.  |
|                     |           | { Thames             | " 9.   |
| NEW LONDON          | " No. 7,  | { Trumbull           | " 17.  |
| NORWALK             | " No. 8,  | { Our Brothers       | " 10.  |
|                     |           | { Uncas              | " 11.  |
| NORWICH             | " No. 9,  | { Oweneco            | " 27.  |
| MIDDLETOWN          | " No. 10, | { Central            | " 12.  |
|                     |           | { Charity            | " 13.  |
| STONINGTON          | " No. 11, | { Mystic             | " 19.  |
|                     |           | { Stonington         | " 26.  |
| MILFORD             | " No. 12, | { Wopowage           | " 14.  |
| WINDHAM             | " No. 13, | { Washington         | " 16.  |
| TOLLAND             | " No. 14, | { Nathan Hale        | " 18.  |
| SAYBROOK            | " No. 15, | { Fenwick            | " 20.  |
| WATERBURY           | " No. 16, | { Nosahogan          | " 21.  |
| EAST WINDSOR        | " No. 17, | { Farmers & Mech'ics | " 22.  |
| GRANBY              | " No. 18, | { Acanthus           | " 23.  |
| STAMFORD            | " No. 19, | { Rippowam           | " 24.  |
| MANCHESTER          | " No. 20, | { Oakland            | " 25.  |
| MERIDEN             | " No. 21, | { Hancock            | " 28.  |
| WINCHESTER          | " No. 22, | { Union              | " 30.  |
| READING             | " No. 23, | { Olive Branch       | " 31.  |



## CIRCULAR,

TO THE SECRETARIES OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF  
THE GRAND LODGE OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT.

SIRS AND BROTHERS :

At the last Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, nearly one-third of the Quarterly Reports from Subordinates for the preceding six months, were defective, or altogether wanting, and over one-half of the Lodges had neglected to make any Annual Report. Under these circumstances it was impossible to make up tables in the accompanying Report, without great delay and even now, they are defective in many particulars. The returns to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have also been delayed from the same cause.

I therefore feel it necessary to call your attention to the following suggestions, believing if they are heeded, there will be no difficulty on this subject in future.

1. In all cases let the Quarterly Report be made out the same week that the quarter closes, and *immediately forwarded to the Grand Secretary by mail*. Do not wait to send by Representatives to the Grand Lodge, for it is then too late to examine the Reports with care.

2. Let the Annual Report be made out and *forwarded by mail*, with the Report for the quarter ending in June of each year. Insert in the Annual Report, the place where and time when the Lodge holds its regular meetings.

3. *Fill all blanks in the Report*—if for instance there are no rejections, expulsions, or deaths, write the word “none,” or fill the blank with cyphers, which will show that it has not been overlooked.

4. Be careful that all Reports are properly dated, signed, and sealed, and let the figures be made plainly, and added correctly. Examine the tables in the accompanying report, and from them you will see what details are wanted.

5. If your Lodge at any time has no blanks on hand *send to the Grand Secretary in season*, who will forward them immediately, so that there will be no delay when they are wanted for use.

In conclusion, I respectfully, but earnestly ask your attention to the above requests. It will add but little to your labors, while it will be of material benefit to our beloved Order.

Respectfully yours,

In Friendship, Love and Truth,

LUCIUS G. PECK,

*Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of Connecticut*

## SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, }  
 NEW HAVEN, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1847. }

Pursuant to its Constitution and By-Laws, the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, convened this day in Semi-Annual Session, and after an address to the Giver of all good, by the Reverend and W. Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

The Roll being called, the following Grand Officers answered to their names, viz :

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| M. W. PRELATE DEMICK,      | of No. 1, <i>Grand Master.</i>         |
| R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr., | " No. 29, <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>  |
| R. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,    | " No. 20, <i>Grand Warden.</i>         |
| R. W. LUCIUS G. PECK,      | " No. 5, <i>Grand Secretary.</i>       |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,       | " No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>       |
| R. W. PHILO M. JUDSON,     | " No. 11, <i>Grand Representative.</i> |
| R. W. HENRY L. MILLER,     | " No. 8, <i>Grand Representative.</i>  |
| W. TOWNSEND P. ABEL,       | " No. 12, <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>       |
| W. NEWELL C. HALL,         | " No. 1, <i>Grand Marshal.</i>         |
| W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN,     | " No. 10, <i>Grand Conductor.</i>      |
| W. EDSON FESSENDEN,        | " No. 8, <i>Grand Guardian.</i>        |

A representation from thirty four Lodges was also present.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Grand Master announced as the *Committee on Elections*, Representatives Utley, of No. 12, Judson, of No. 11, and Mills, of No. 30.

It being announced that Representatives Farnham, of No. 7, Knerringer, of No. 6, and Hughes, of No. 17, of the *Committee on the State of the Order*, were absent, the following Representatives were appointed to act in their places, viz :

Representatives Alling, of No. 6, Parmelee, of No. 12, and Carrington, of No. 15.

Representatives Farnham, of No. 7, and Hawkins, of No. 6, being absent, Representatives Brewer, of No. 11, and Bedient, of No. 7, were appointed to act in their place on the *Committee on Finance*.

A report of the *Committee on Finance*, with the Report of the Grand Treasurer, were read and accepted.

The card of brother Pierson, a member of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Jersey, was presented, and on motion brother Pierson was introduced into the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of the Order, presented the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, who were appointed to procure an additional number of Desks, for the use of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully

#### REPORT :

That they have attended to the duty assigned them, and have purchased twelve Desks, at an expense of twenty-four dollars and eighty seven cents. Your committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
NOAH CHANDLER,  
SIDNEY ALLING,  
J. S. PARMELEE,  
J. H. CARRINGTON,

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

Resolution, that the bill for the above amount be paid ; passed.

Report of Committee on elections, No. 1, was read and accepted. By this report it appeared that the certificates of brothers Moses B. Harvey and Jasper H. Bolton, of Nazarene Lodge, was informal, being deficient in the seal.

On motion of Grand Conductor Gruman, the informality was waived, and the brothers directed to be admitted.

The following resolution was offered and passed.

Whereas P. G. J. S. Dickinson neglected to present himself for instruction in the Grand Lodge Degree, at the last Annual Session, although properly qualified.—*Resolved*, That P. G. Dickinson of Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, be now admitted to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of Representative Utley, the Chairman of the Committee on Elections, the following Representatives elect were introduced into the Grand Lodge, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree and took their seats as members, viz : from

|                   |        |                                                    |
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| QUINNIPIAC LODGE, | No. 1, | { E. G. Storer,<br>S. H. Harris,<br>Walter Osborn. |
| CHARTER OAK       | " 2,   | { W. H. Sweetland,<br>Rawson Reed.                 |

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| HARMONY LODGE,      | No. 5, | { Ira Merwin,<br>Theodore Werner,<br>A. J. Riggs.                                        |
| OUSATONIC           | " 6,   | { <del>Sidney Ailing,</del><br><del>Mathew Donnalley,</del><br><del>Charles Smith.</del> |
| SAMARITAN           | " 7,   | { <del>Wm. H. Dedent,</del><br>James P. Saunders.                                        |
| MERCANTILE          | " 8,   | { J. B. Flagg,<br>L. B. Allen.                                                           |
| THAMES              | " 9,   | Walter Edwards.                                                                          |
| CENTRAL             | " 12,  | Dennis Sage.                                                                             |
| WOPPOWAGE           | " 14,  | { Lydenham Gait,<br>William Bush.                                                        |
| MONTAWESE           | " 15,  | Charles A. Saunders.                                                                     |
| WASHINGTON          | " 16,  | { John S. R. Benchly,<br>Joshua B. Lord.                                                 |
| TRUMBULL            | " 17,  | { E. B. H. Prince,<br>F. M. Walker.                                                      |
| NATHAN HALE         | " 18,  | Elijah W. Smith.                                                                         |
| FENWICK             | " 20,  | { John G. Hayden,<br>J. S. Dickenson.                                                    |
| NOSAHOGAN           | " 21,  | R. E. Hitchcock.                                                                         |
| FARMERS & MECHANICS | " 22,  | Lodowick Weller.                                                                         |
| RIPPOWAM            | " 24,  | { Samuel Lockwood,<br>William T. Minor.                                                  |
| STONINGTON          | " 26,  | Russell H. Dennison.                                                                     |
| UNION               | " 30,  | Lucius H. Clark.                                                                         |
| OLIVE BRANCH,       | " 31,  | { Joel B. Ferguson.<br>Henry H. Munroe.                                                  |
| NAZARENE            | " 32,  | { Moses B. Harvey,<br>Jasper H. Bolton.                                                  |

Sundry bills were presented and ordered paid.

The GRAND MASTER submitted the following report.

*To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Conn.*

BROTHERS:—Through the goodness of Divine Providence, we have been permitted once more to assemble for the purpose of transacting the appropriate business of the Grand Lodge.

After acknowledging our obligation, and our indebtedness to the Supreme Grand Master of the Universe, for the preservation of our lives—for the unnumbered blessings He has bestowed upon us—especially for that measure of health, without which we could not enjoy this happy privilege; let us invoke the continuance of his mercy, and look to Him for that guidance which is necessary to a wise and faithful discharge of present duties.

It is to me, a source of unmingled pleasure to be able to congratulate the assembled Representatives, on the unabated prosperity, which, in every part of our jurisdiction, continues to crown the progress of the principles of FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.

We have abundant cause of thanksgiving for the favor with which these principles have been received, and for the great amount of relief to human suffering, which has been accomplished in their name.

May an approving Providence, have our Institution in His keeping and continue its beneficent operations, until human depravity, and human suffering are alike unfelt and unknown.

Since our last Session, our borders have been enlarged, and the sphere of our usefulness extended by adding to the number of Subordinate Lodges, which then existed.

It will be remembered that at the last session of your W. Body, a Charter was granted for a Lodge to be located at Portland, Middlesex county, to be known and hailed by the name and title of "FREESTONE LODGE, No. 33."

Immediately after the adjournment, I authorized D. D. G. M. Booth, of No. 12, to institute the Lodge, install its officers, &c. This duty he performed, with the aid and assistance of the W. Grand Chaplain, and several Past Grands of Central Lodge, on the 15th day of July. It is already in a flourishing condition, and bids fair to become a distinguished branch of the Order.

On the first day of September, I received a petition from five brothers, asking for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge in the village of Danielsonville, town of Killingly, and county of Windham, to be known and hailed by the name and title of "QUINEBAUG LODGE, No. 34." This petition was accompanied by Resolutions passed unanimously, at a regular meeting of Uncas Lodge, No. 11; fully approving of the granting of the dispensation, and recommending the petitioners, as worthy brothers.

The recommendations contained in these Resolutions were also concurred in by several distinguished members of this Grand Lodge; amongst whom were Past Grand Master Devotion, R. W. Grand Representative Judson, Past G. Marshal Converse, and Past Grands, William L. Brewer, and David Young.

The dispensation was unhesitatingly granted, and forwarded to P. G. M. Devotion, who was duly authorized to open and institute said Lodge, and who performed that duty on the 10th day of September. It is now in successful operation; and from the high standing of the brothers, at the head of this Lodge, I anticipate the most abundant success.

On the 4th day of November, I received a petition from five brothers, asking for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge, at Litchfield, to be known and hailed by the name and title of "COLUMBIAN LODGE, No. 35." This petition was also accompanied by a recommendation from Union Lodge, No. 30, from which the petitioners withdrew.

A dispensation was accordingly granted, and on the 10th day of December, assisted by R. W. D. G. M. Greenwood, Grand

Treasurer Bishop, and a delegation from Nosahogan, who rendered the most efficient aid; I instituted said Lodge, installed its officers, initiated eighteen applicants, and conferred the five degrees on ten members. This new Lodge commences under the most flattering circumstances, and bids fair to become a flourishing and efficient branch of the Order.

On the 26th day of November, I received a petition from fourteen brothers, residing in New Haven, asking for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge in this city, to be known and hailed by the name and title of "City Lodge, No. 36." This petition was accompanied by a recommendation of the Petitioners from Harmony Lodge, No. 5, which was also concurred in by P. G. M. Croswell, Grand Marshal Hall, and six other Past Grands, members of this Grand Lodge.

Besides which, I had a personal knowledge of the high character and standing of the petitioners, both as citizens, and members of our cherished fraternity. Under these circumstances, I did not, and could not hesitate to grant the dispensation. On the 2d day of December, therefore, assisted by the R. W. Grand officers residing here, P. G. M. Croswell, and others, I instituted said Lodge, and installed its officers. I have no doubt this new Lodge will be abundantly prospered, as have been all the Lodges in this city.

By the Constitution, all these dispensations are made subject to your approval—the petitions are all in regular form, and each have been accompanied by the regular Charter fee. I therefore recommend that Charters be granted them, respectively.

On the 3d day of September, accompanied by R. W. Grand Secretary Peck, Grand Marshal Hall, and others, I made an official visit to Hancock Lodge, No. 28, installed their officers, and gave such advice and instruction as seemed called for. Four applicants were initiated on this occasion, and it is with the greatest pleasure, that I bear testimony to the accurate and dignified manner, in which the work was performed. I was particularly gratified with the very beautiful and impressive manner of the N. G. The parts of the V. G., also, were performed with great ability. With such able and efficient officers, I cannot doubt that Hancock Lodge, will be abundantly prospered.

During the recess, a great number of questions, relating to usage—to the rights of members under specified circumstances—and to the powers of Subordinate Lodges, have been submitted to me, and official opinions solicited. To all such questions, I have given decision, according to the best of my judgment and ability, and at the earliest practicable moment. Whether those decisions gave satisfaction to the distinguished brothers who submitted them, I am not informed. Some of them involved very nice points, and I should have preferred to submit them for the decision of the Grand Lodge. But the circumstances would not allow of so much delay.

At the late Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in September last, a law was passed extend-

ing the terms of Subordinate Lodges from three, to six months; to take effect from and after the first of January 1847. And Grand Masters of those Grand Lodges, which hold no Session previous to January 1847, were also directed to cause a copy of said law to be transmitted to the several Subordinate Lodges under their respective jurisdiction, immediately on the receipt of the same.

Having been furnished with a copy of the proceedings of that body, by both our R. W. Grand Representatives, in the month of October, I caused a Circular to be sent to all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, containing a copy of said Law, together with such directions as seemed necessary to communicate, in order that this important measure might be carried fully into effect, in conformity to the mandates of the Supreme head of the Order. A copy of said circular is herewith submitted.

To these directions all the Subordinates so far as I am informed, yielded a cheerful compliance, with the single exception of Rippowam, No. 24. The worthy and intelligent brothers of that Lodge regarded the instructions of the Grand Master as at variance with the Law, and, believing he had misunderstood its meaning and intent, rejected his instructions, and proceeded as if none had been given. That the directions of the Grand Master were not in strict conformity to the *letter* of the Law, may be true; but that they *were* in accordance with the *meaning* and *intent*, I have the best proof possible; to wit, the testimony of our R. W. Grand Representatives, to whom I refer for the correctness of the construction I put upon it. Besides, the course I adopted, it was believed would promote the best interests of the Order in this State, and give the most general satisfaction to the Subordinate Lodges. If Rippowam Lodge has done *right* in rejecting the instruction of the Grand Master, it would seem to follow that the other Lodges have done *wrong* in complying with them.

Should the course pursued by Rippowam Lodge not meet the approval of this Grand Lodge, I hope it will be regarded as an error of the head, and not of the heart, for I esteem the brothers of that Lodge, as among the most faithful, intelligent and devoted of our Order.

In consequence of the Law, extending the terms, it may be necessary to amend some portions of our Constitution for Subordinate Lodges. Your attention is respectfully invited to this subject.

I have also this day received the following petitions for dispensations, viz; one from twelve brothers residing in New Canaan, for a Lodge to be known and hailed by the name and title of "WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37."

One from five brothers residing in Tariffville, to be known by the name and title of "TUNXIS LODGE, No. 38."

One from five brothers residing at Windsor Locks, for a Lodge to be located at that place, to be known by the name of "PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39."

One from John B. Eldridge, and twenty others, for a Lodge to be located at Hartford, to be known by the name of "HYPERION LODGE, No. 40."

One from five brothers residing in Bridgeport, for a Lodge to be located at that place, to be known by the name of "ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41.

These petitions are accompanied by strong recommendations from Lodges, and from distinguished brothers of the Order; and they are submitted, with the confident hope that Charters will be granted them respectively. It will be proper to add, however, that Acanthus Lodge has sent a remonstrance against granting a dispensation to the petitioners from Tariffville. That remonstrance is also herewith submitted.

At the last Session of this Grand Lodge, a Resolution was passed, directing the appointment of a Special Committee of three, to take into consideration, and report at the next Session, a plan for funeral processions of Subordinate Lodges.

My attention was not called to that particular resolution at the time, and the appointment of said Special Committee was not made during the Session. But, after the adjournment, I appointed P. G. Marshals, Thomas and Johnson, and Grand Marshal Hall, as said Committee, who will doubtless submit their report in due season.

Perhaps it may be well to state that this subject has engaged the attention of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, since our last Session—that certain funeral observances, and the form of funeral and other processions, for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and Encampments was adopted, and some unimportant considerations connected therewith, left to the legislation of State Grand Lodges and Encampments. As this subject embraces a part of the unfinished business of our last Session, your attention is invited to it.

The establishment of Degree Lodges, is also a part of the unfinished business of the last Session. A plan as good, perhaps, as any that could be devised, was then submitted for consideration and continued to this Session. But I doubt very much the expediency of adopting that, or any other plan, for Degree Lodges at this Session. From the information I have obtained, in reference to Degree Lodges, I am led to doubt their utility and usefulness. Besides, if they are to be established at all, I think the Grand Lodge of the United States should adopt some plan, by which uniformity would be secured throughout its jurisdiction. Their legal existence having been recognized by that body, it will, in all probability, adopt some general regulations, in regard to them, as soon as their utility shall have been tested by experience. Entertaining these views, I would recommend a postponement of the measure.

I regret to learn that some of our Subordinate Lodges have not complied with the laws relating to returns. Notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of our R. W. Grand Secretary, to procure returns from all the Lodges, there are yet several that have not complied with his reasonable demands; and one at least, that has made no returns within the last year. If this be true, as I believe it is, it may become necessary for this Grand Lodge, to enforce the provisions of the Constitution, and demand its Charter. No



law can be efficient, when its provisions can be disregarded or violated with impunity. Your attention is respectfully invited to this subject.

The vast increase of the Order in this State, it will be readily seen, must have caused a corresponding increase of business in the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary: and the salary paid to that officer for the faithful discharge of his duties when we were less numerous, is, in my opinion, now an inadequate compensation for the arduous and responsible duties at present required of that officer. I would also suggest the propriety of making some provision for the safe keeping of our records, documents, &c., and for more secure protection against fire.

The reports of D. D. Grand Masters, have hitherto been limited to the installation of officers, and the number of brothers upon whom the degrees have been conferred. In Massachusetts, the reports of these officers embrace not only the installations and degrees conferred, but every subject and question of interest that arises in their respective Districts. They are made to the Grand Master sufficiently early to enable him to incorporate their substance into his report to the Grand Lodge. From these sources much valuable information is derived, and a full and accurate knowledge of the work in the entire State, laid before the Grand Lodge. I would recommend the adoption of measures to secure similar results in this State.

At the late Session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the Special Committee, to whom was referred the inquiries into the propriety of the establishment by the Order, of an Institution of Learning, submitted their report, accompanied by the following resolutions, which were adopted:

*“Resolved, That the several State Grand Lodges, are hereby earnestly requested to consider the expediency of the establishment by the Order, of a General System of Education, and to devise and forward to this Grand Lodge, plans for the accomplishment of the object, should they deem it expedient to take the work in hand.*

*“Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate the above report and resolutions to the several State Grand Lodges.”*

Whatever may be the views of the members of this Grand Lodge, on the subject referred to, I think it due that a Special Committee be appointed to consider the expediency of the proposed measure, with instructions to submit their report at the next Session of this Grand Lodge.

All which is submitted in F. L. and T.

PRELATE DEMICK, *Grand Master.*

On motion, the Report of the Grand Master was referred to a special committee, who were instructed to apportion it to the proper committees. Representatives Miller, of No. 8, Judson, of No. 11, and Bradley, of No. 15, were appointed.

The following Representatives were appointed to fill vacancies in the *Committee on Grievances*, viz :

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| No. 2.  | P. G. William H. Sweetland. |
| No. 6.  | " Mathew Donnalley.         |
| No. 7.  | " William W. Bedient.       |
| No. 8.  | " J. B. Flagg.              |
| No. 9.  | " Walter Edwards.           |
| No. 14. | " L. Gates.                 |
| No. 17. | " E. B. H. Prince.          |
| No. 18. | " Elijah W. Smith.          |
| No. 20. | " John G. Hayden,           |
| No. 22. | " Lodowick Weller.          |
| No. 24. | " Samuel Lockwood.          |
| No. 26. | " Russell H. Dennison.      |
| No. 29. | " A. C. Shepherd.           |
| No. 31. | " Joel B. Ferguson.         |
| No. 32. | " Jasper H. Bolton.         |
| No. 36. | " Thomas C. Hollis.         |

The Special Committee to whom was referred the M. W. Grand Master's Report, made a report, recommending that committees be appointed as follows, viz :

On *granting Charters to Lodges that have been instituted by the Grand Master, as named in his report, and also to brothers of New Canaan, Tariffville, and Hartford, who have petitioned for Dispensations, to a special committee of three.*

Representatives Brewer, of No. 11, Mills, of No. 30, and Lord, of No. 16, appointed.

On *alteration of Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, to a special committee of three.*

Representatives Storer, of No. 1, Merwin, of No. 5, and Donnalley of No. 6, appointed.

On *action of Rippowam Lodge, in disregarding the Circular of the Grand Master, relative to terms of office, to a special committee of three.*

Representatives Willey, of No. 20, Edwards, of No. 9, and Smith, of No. 18, appointed.

On *Funeral Processions, to the Committee on the State of the Order.*

On *Degree Lodges, to the Committee on the State of the Order.*

On *Reports of Subordinate Lodges, to the Committee on the State of the Order.*

*On Salary of Grand Secretary, and safe keeping of records and papers of this Grand Lodge, to a special Committee of three.*

Representatives Miller, of No. 8, Chandler of No. 36, and Cunningham, of No. 10, appointed.

*On Reports of D. D. Grand Masters, to the Committee on the State of the Order.*

*On Institution of Learning, under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to a special committee of three.*

Representatives Judson, of No. 11, Minor, of No. 24, and Crosswell, of No. 15, appointed.

And also, recommending that the report presented by the M. W. Grand Master, be accepted, placed upon the records, and printed with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Report accepted and committees appointed, as above named.

The *Committee on Elections* reported the certificates of the following Past Grands, as entitling them to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz :

MONTAWESE LODGE,      No. 15, William J. Flagg.

FARMERS & MECHANICS      "    22, R. M. Abbe.

QUINEBAUG LODGE,      "    34, Abiel Converse.

The above named brothers were then admitted, and the Grand Lodge Degree conferred.

On motion, Rufus W. Hitchcock, of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, was appointed Assistant Secretary, to act during the session of the Grand Lodge.

Sundry petitions for new Lodges referred to special committee on so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to that subject.

A letter from Rippowam Lodge was read and referred to the special committee on that subject.

Appeal of brother John L. Merwin, from decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, received, and referred to Committee on Grievances.

Appeal of brother S. Y. Ives, from decision of same Lodge, read and referred to same committee.

Representative James H. Carrington, of No. 15, asked to be excused from serving on Committee on Grievances. Excused, and Representative Luther P. Bradley appointed in his place.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock, this evening.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING, 6½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The Committee on Elections reported, (No. 3,) that the certificates of the following Past Grands were correct, and recommend that they be instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and admitted to seats in the Grand Lodge, viz :

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| OWENECO LODGE, | No. 27, | { John R. Thayer,<br>Rowland H. Gardner,<br>Robinson G. Northrop. |
| PEQUANOCK    " | " 4,    | Charles N. Booth.                                                 |
| NOSABOGAN   "  | " 21,   | Edward L. Clark.                                                  |

Report accepted, and the two last named Past Grands being present were admitted and instructed accordingly.

The Committee appointed at the last Session, to whom was referred so much of the late Grand Master's report, as relates to the application of the "Order of Processions" to funerals, made the following report, which was accepted and referred to the Committee on the alteration of the Constitution for Subordinates.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.*

The undersigned a Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report, [July, 1846,] as relates to the "*application of the ORDER OF PROCESSIONS to funerals,*" respectfully

## REPORT:

That having examined the subject they find no occasion for doubt or difficulty in the matter. The Grand Lodge, by a formally enacted by-law [Sec. 12.] has prohibited subordinate Lodges from wearing regalia at funerals. The order of procession, in regalia, was a simple resolution adopted subsequently, by a major vote only. It could not, therefore, by any rule of construction, be made to conflict with, much less abrogate a standing by-law which requires a two thirds vote to adopt or amend. [Constitution Art. IX.] Each is distinct and complete in itself.

The Grand Lodge of the United States, having at its last Session prescribed a badge and form of funeral procession, [page 37, Jour. Grand Lodge U. S., 1846,] the Committee respectfully recommend that Sec. 12 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended by striking out all after the word "badge," in last line, and adding "*and observe the order of procession prescribed by Grand Lodge of the United States.*"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| N. C. HALL,<br>JOHN W. JOHNSON,<br>L. A. THOMAS. | { Committee. |
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The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Funeral

Processions offered a report which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on alteration of the Constitution. *See page 293.*

The Special Committee appointed to take into consideration so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the establishment of an Institution of Learning under the patronage of the Grand Lodge of the United States, asked leave to report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Leave granted.

Resolution that a Committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of regulating the *Initiation Fee*, in the Subordinate Lodges, so as to require uniformity in the same, and report to this session of the Grand Lodge.

Laid on the table.

On motion taken up and rejected.

The Committee on the State of the Order, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, beg leave to submit the following

#### REPORT:

From Subordinates, as correct, viz: Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34.

They find the Reports from No. 5, to be incorrect in the amount due the Grand Lodge. But one report has been received from No. 9; No. 10, is incorrect in overpaying the Grand Lodge. No report has been received from No. 12; No. 14, is deficient in the Seal of the Lodge. No. 18, has submitted but one Quarterly Report, and that appears without the Seal of the Lodge. No. 20, also appears incorrect in the amount due the Grand Lodge. No. 25, has submitted no Report. No. 27, one report is deficient of Seal of lodge. No. 28, have presented but one Quarterly Report. No. 33, appears incorrect in dues to the Grand Lodge. Your Committee in order to secure greater uniformity in returning the Reports of the Subordinates, to this Grand Lodge, beg leave to submit the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
N. CHANDLER,  
SYDNEY ALLING,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

**Resolved:** That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to communicate with the several Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, and enjoin upon them the necessity of conforming strictly to Article VI, Section 2, of Constitution of Subordinates, in relation to returns to the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Elections, made a report, (No. 4,) stating that the certificates of Past Grands John C. Hayden, Andrew L. Brown, Noah Chandler, William N. Clayton, Thomas C. Hollis and Robert H. Starr, of City Lodge, No. 36, had been presented and were correct.

The Committee on Finance, submitted the following Report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on Finance would recommend that the mileage of new Lodges be as follows, to wit:

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| Nazarene Lodge, No. 32, | - | \$9 00 |
| Freestone do. do. 33,   | - | 5 00   |
| Quinebaug do. do. 34,   | - | 11 00  |
| Columbia do. do. 35,    | - | 6 00   |

All of which is respectfully submitted, by

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| W. L. BREWER,       | } Committee on Finance. |
| GEORGE LINES,       |                         |
| WILLIAM W. BEDIENT. |                         |

The Special Committee on so much of the Grand Master's report, as relates to the salary of the Grand Secretary, and safe keeping of records, offered the following report, which was accepted and the resolutions passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee to whom was referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Master's report which refers to the salary of the Grand Secretary, and safe keeping of the records of this Grand Lodge, respectfully

#### REPORT :

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

*Resolved,* That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for services rendered during the current year, in addition to the regular salary, as provided in Article III, Section 5, of the Constitution.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be, and they are hereby authorized to procure for the use of this Grand Lodge, a suitable Iron Safe, and a Secretary or Desk, for a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

The Committee would also propose the following amendment to Article III, Section 5, of the Constitution, viz: to strike out in the last line but one, the word "fifty," and insert in lieu thereof the words "one hundred."

All which is respectfully submitted.

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| H. L. MILLER,     | } Committee. |
| N. CHANDLER,      |              |
| P. L. CUNNINGHAM, |              |

The By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 31, 32 and 33, and amendments to By-Laws of Lodge No. 1, were presented and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report, as relates to the Charters of new Lodges, presented the following report and resolution, which were accepted and passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, as relates to the Charters of Lodges, to whom dispensations have been granted by the Grand Master during the recess of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to offer the following resolution.

*Resolved.* That Charters be granted to the following Lodges, viz: Quinebaug Lodge, No. 34; Columbia Lodge, 35; City Lodge, No. 36.

W. L. BREWER, }  
J. H. MILLS, } *Committee.*  
J. B. LORD. }

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report, as relates to the institution of Degree Lodges in this State, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Master's Report, in relation to the institution of Degree Lodges by the Subordinates, in the several Districts under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully

#### REPORT:

That after a conference upon this subject, with several brothers interested in the matter under consideration, your Committee are of the opinion that the formation of "Degree Lodges," in the several Districts under this jurisdiction, will not have a tendency to promote the interests of the Order, and will not, in the opinion of your Committee, be expedient or necessary at the present time.

Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
J. H. CARRINGTON,  
SYDNEY ALLING,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
NOAH CHANDLER.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved,* That the Grand Lodge concur with the suggestions in the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, in relation to De-

gree Lodges, that it is inexpedient to establish Degree Lodges, in the several Districts under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Resolution to amend Article V, Sec. 6, of Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, by striking out all after the title "V. G." and inserting in lieu thereof, the words "unless he has been a member of the Scarlet Degree, four months previous to his election."

Referred to Committee on alteration of the Constitution for subordinates.

The following resolution was offered, and after debate, on motion indefinitely postponed.

*Resolved*, That no brother is eligible to, or shall receive the appointment of District Deputy Grand Master, who is not a member of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the By-Laws of certain Lodges, offered the following Report, which was accepted and resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom has been referred for examination, the By-Laws of Subordinates, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have proceeded carefully to examine such "By-Laws" as have been presented by Subordinates, and find correct the By-Laws of "Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31," of "Nazarene Lodge, No. 32," and "Freestone Lodge, No. 33." Also several amendments offered by Quinniplac Lodge, No. 1, for the approval of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would therefore submit the following resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
NOAH CHANDLER,  
SYDNEY ALLING,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved*, That the By-Laws of "Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31," "Nazarene Lodge, No. 32," "Freestone Lodge, No. 33," and the amendments to By-Laws of "Quinniplac Lodge, No. 1," be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on the State of the Order, offered the following Report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that part of the Most Worthy Grand Master's Report, relating to



Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters, from the several Districts under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, would

#### REPORT:

That they have instituted a careful examination of the several Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters presented to them, and find all correct, which they have examined. No reports have been received from Districts Nos. 3, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 25.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
N. CHANDLER,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON,  
SYDNEY ALLING.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved*, That the delinquent District Deputy Grand Masters, above mentioned, be required to conform strictly to Article III, of the Constitution of Subordinates, and that the Grand Secretary, be directed to send each a copy of this resolution.

The select committee on so much of the Grand Master's Report, as relates to new Lodges, offered the following report which was accepted, and on motion, charters were granted to the Lodges therein named.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Select Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Report, relating to applications for dispensations for new Lodges, would recommend that the prayers of the petitioners be granted, and that Charters instead of dispensations be granted to Lodges, to be located in the following named places, and under the following names, viz:

A Lodge to be located at New Canaan, under the name of WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37.

TUNKIS LODGE, No. 38, to be located at Tariffville.

PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39, to be located at Windsor Locks.

HYPERION LODGE, No. 40, to be located in the city of Hartford.

ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41, to be located at Bridgeport.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. BREWER, }  
J. H. MILLS, } *Committee.*  
J. B. LORD. }

The Select Committee on so much of the Grand Master's Report, as relates to the action of Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, offered the following report, which, with the accompanying resolutions, was read.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as relates to Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT :

That they have given the subject a full investigation, and unanimously conclude, that however much of obscurity there may have been in the letter of the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, concerning which the Most Worthy Grand Master addressed the respective Lodges, it came within the province of the Grand Master in the recess of the Grand Lodge, so to interpret and explain these resolutions, that the intentions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, might be fully carried out.

We find that the Most Worthy Grand Master pursued this course, after having obtained from the R. W. Grand Representatives of this State, their opinion, as to the intentions of the mover of the resolutions, and of the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee find that the Grand Master forwarded these resolutions, with his official opinion, as to their meaning, and his official order as to the course to be pursued by Rippowam Lodge, and that said Lodge pursued a course in direct opposition to the known and expressed decision of the Grand Master.

The Committee are therefore compelled to report the accompanying resolutions.

All which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

J. M. WILLEY,  
WALTER EDWARDS, } Committee.  
E. W. SMITH.

*Resolved*, That the Most Worthy Grand Master, in issuing his circular of the date of October 24, 1846, pursued the course proper to be pursued by him, under the circumstances in which he was then placed.

*Resolved*, That Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, in electing and installing their officers at the first meeting in December last, refused to pay that deference to the Most Worthy Grand Master, which is due from each Subordinate to the head of the Order.

Representative Minor moved to amend, by striking out the second resolution, and substituting the following :

*Resolved*, That every subordinate is bound to yield obedience to the Constitution given it by the Grand Lodge, until that Constitution is altered in a legal and proper manner.

While the amendment of Representative Minor was pending, and after much discussion, a motion was made and carried, that the Grand Lodge adjourn, to meet at 8 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY, 14.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

The motion to amend the resolution offered by the committee, on so much of the Grand Master's report, as relates to Rippowam Lodge, which was under discussion at the adjournment, last night, was taken up.

Representative Ellis moved that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed. The previous question was called for, and call sustained. Motion to postpone indefinitely, negatived. After a long debate, the previous question was called for, and the call sustained. Motion to amend, negatived; nine Representatives voting in the affirmative, and thirty-six in the negative; resolution as offered by committee passed, and report accepted.

On motion of G. Representative Miller, the Grand Secretary was directed to enter the state of the vote on the Journal.

Representative Minor moved for leave to appeal from the decision of this Grand Lodge, in the matter of Rippowam Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Leave granted.

A Memorial of P. G. Thomas, of No. 1, preferring charges against G. Rep. Miller, was called up, and on motion the whole matter was referred to a select committee, according to the provisions of Art. V. Sec. 4th, of the Constitution. Representatives Willey, of No. 20, Brewer, of No. 11, Seymour, of No. 2, Smith, of No. 18, and Mills, of No. 30, appointed.

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered, and laid over, according to law.

*Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., January Session, 1847.*

Amendments proposed, to Sec. II. of the Constitution, by adding after "Grand Lodge," in the twenty-fourth line, "*except legislative powers.*" Offered by

WILLIAM T. MINOR, } of No. 24.  
SAMUEL LOCKWOOD, Jr. }  
CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, of No. 10.

The Committee on the State of the Order offered the following report, which was accepted and leave granted the petitioners to withdraw.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whose consideration and attention was referred a Memorial and Petition from Stonington Lodge, in relation to Art. V. Sec. 6, of the By-Laws of said Lodge, respectfully

## REPORT:

That it appears by reference to the proceedings of this R. W. Body, that at its last annual session, a report from the Committee on the State of the Order was adopted, objecting to the Section above referred to. The committee appointed by Stonington Lodge, to petition this R. W. Body to restore to them the said By-Law, claim that the want of some such provision will subject them to fraud and imposition, from brothers who pursue a seafaring life. Your Committee are of the opinion, that the claims of petitioners, as set forth in their memorial, are not sufficient to warrant your Committee, to recommend a resolution setting aside the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge in this matter.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
N. CHANDLER,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON,  
SYDNEY ALLING.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

NOTE.—The Section referred to is as follows—"Those engaged in a foreign voyage, and having been sick for twelve weeks or more, shall receive benefit according to their degree, for twelve weeks only, or at the discretion of the Lodge."

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as relates to alterations, in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, offered the following report, which was accepted, and resolutions accompanying the same, passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, as relates to alterations in the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, respectfully

## REPORT:

That they have had the subject under consideration, and find that some slight alterations are necessary, in order to conform said Constitution, to the recent enactments of the Grand Lodge of the United States. To accomplish this end, the Committee submit the following resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. STORER,  
M. DONNELLEY, } *Committee.*  
IRA MERWIN.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I, Section 3, strike out the word "four" in the second line, and insert the word "two."

ARTICLE V. Section 6, strike out "two terms" in the last line, and insert "one term."

ARTICLE VI. Section 1, strike out the word "quarterly" in the first line, and insert "semi-annually;" strike out "June, September, December and March," and insert "January and July;" in the caption of Section 2, strike out "quarterly," and insert "semi-annually."

The Committee on alteration of the Constitution to whom was referred a resolution to amend Article V. Section 6, of Constitution for Subordinates, by striking out all after the word "V. G." and inserting in lieu thereof the following, "unless he has been a member of the Scarlet Degree, four months previous to his election," reported that in their opinion, it would be inexpedient to adopt the same.

Report accepted, and resolution negatived.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred that portion of the Report of the Most Worthy Grand Master, relating to funeral processions of Subordinates, beg leave respectfully to

#### REPORT:

That they have had the matter under consideration, and have learned that a Report is now before the Grand Lodge, on this subject, reported by your Committee appointed at the last Annual Session of this Right Worthy Body. It will also be seen, by reference to page 258, of the printed proceedings of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States; that action was had on this subject. Your Committee would therefore recommend, that a conformity to the forms therein prescribed, be adhered to by the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and would further recommend that the Constitution of Subordinates, be so altered in this respect, as to conform thereto. Your Committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
N. CHANDLER,  
SYDNEY ALLING,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved*, That Section 12 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be amended, by striking out all after the word "badge," in last line and adding, "and observe the order of procession prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

The Committee on alteration of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, to whom the above resolution and report was referred, are of the opinion that it should be adopted.

E. G. STORER,  
M. DONNELLEY, } Committee.  
IRA MERWIN.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was offered, and laid over to the next Session according to law.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended, by inserting after paragraph 10th of Section 1, Article III.

"11. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Council, to assist the Grand Master advisarily in the recess of the Grand Lodge."

In Section 2, of the Article, insert after the words "he shall," in the fourth line of the Section, the words, "*with the advice of the Executive Council*." In the fourteenth line, after word the "may" insert "*with the advice of the Executive Council*," at the end of the twenty-third line, insert "*with advice of the Executive Council*."

S. H. HARRIS, of No. 1.

E. H. BOOTH, of No. 12.

The following proposed amendments were also offered, and laid over to the next Session of the Grand Lodge.

The undersigned move to amend the Constitution of this Grand Lodge as follows, viz: Article VI. Section 1, by erasing all to the words "Semi-Annual Session, inclusive," and substitute these words, "the Grand Lodge shall hold an Annual Session on the second Wednesday in January." Article VI. Section 3, by erasing the same. Article VII. Section 3, by striking out the words, "and Semi-Annual" in the first line. Article VII. Section 4, by striking out the word "June," in the second line, and substituting the word "January."

P. M. JUDSON, } Representatives from No. 11.

W. L. BREWER, }

J. D. MOWREY. Representative from No. 27.

Representative W. A. Judd, offered the following resolution, which was read and passed.

*Resolved*, That the D. Grand Master, is hereby instructed to appoint to the office of D. D. Grand Master, such Past Grandmasters only as are members of this Grand Lodge, and who may be recommended to him by a vote of the Lodge, under seal of the Secretary.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of John L. Merwin, from the decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, in refusing him two weeks benefit, have attended to the duties assigned them—heard the parties, and respectfully

**REPORT :**

That they find the facts stated in the appeal, true, and are of opinion that brother Merwin is entitled to his benefit. They therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Per order.

CHARLES K. BROWN, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That Harmony Lodge, No. 5, be directed to pay brother John L. Merwin, two weeks benefit for sickness as claimed by him in his appeal—and that the Grand Secretary forward to Harmony Lodge, No. 5, a copy of this resolution under Seal of the Grand Lodge.

The same Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother S. Y. Ives from the decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, reported, that they found that no legal notice had been given to Harmony Lodge, of the pending of said appeal, and recommended that the following resolution be adopted.

*Resolved,* That the appeal of Silas Y. Ives, is not legally before this Grand Lodge.

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

The Committee on the State of the Order, offered the following report, which with the accompanying resolution was passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, in conformity with the duties assigned them; beg leave to call the attention of this Grand Lodge, to Article VI. Section 2, of Constitution for Subordinates, which relates to trial of members before said Subordinates. And in order to make said Section more explicit, and better understood by members of Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Your Committee would recommend that the following resolution be adopted.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON.  
SYDNEY ALLING,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
N. CHANDLER,  
JAMES H. CARRINGTON.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved,* That Article IV. Section 2, of Constitution for Subordinates, in its true construction, implies that when charges are preferred against brothers; such charges should be special, not general, in their character.

Representative Gruman, offered the following resolution, which was read and passed.

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and are hereby instructed, to do all in their power to have the By-Law reading as follows, "Resolved that the Grand Encampment regalia, cannot be worn in any other department of the Order, except in the Body of an Encampment of Patriarchs," altered so as to read, "That every brother shall be allowed to wear a regalia trimmed according to the degrees he has taken, and the rank he holds in the Order."

Resolution, that the Most Worthy Grand Master, be, and is hereby authorized to procure suitable regalias of the style adopted by this Grand Lodge, for the use of the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States. *Passed*.

A motion was made that the whole subject of Regalia, funeral and working, the time when, and place where it should be worn, &c. be referred to a Special Committee of three, to enquire and report at the next Session of the Grand Lodge. Motion passed: and Representatives J. W. Johnson, A. M. Gordon and W. L. Brewer, appointed such Committee. Resolution that the Grand Lodge pay the expenses of the Committee on the memorial of P. G. Thomas, after debate, laid on the table.

The Committee on Elections, reported as correct the certificate of P. G. William Faulkner, of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, whereupon Representative Faulkner was introduced and instructed in the work of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution, that from and after the close of this Session of the Grand Lodge, all persons holding the office of D. D. Grand Master, who are not qualified in conformity with a resolution passed at this Grand Lodge, in this Session, be declared incompetent, and substitutes appointed.

But in all cases the N. G. of Lodges so declared incompetent, shall be empowered to confer the five minor Degrees, and the D. D. Grand Master of the nearest District, shall be called upon in case of Installation of Officers, until such time as a member be made eligible to the office of D. D. Grand Master. *Passed*.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, was offered and laid over to the next Session.

*Resolved*, That the word "District," in Article III. Section 3, of the Constitution, relating to Officers and their duties, be stricken out, and the word "Lodge" inserted.

JAMES D. MOWREY, Rep. from Lodge, No. 27.

W. L. BREWER, Rep. from Lodge, No. 11.



Resolution directing the Grand Secretary to send to each Lodge, with the report of the present Session, a copy of all the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and all amendments and alterations of the Constitution of Subordinates under its jurisdiction.

The Committee on the State of the Order, offered the following report which was accepted, and accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on the State of the Order, whose duty it is to examine and report to this R. W. Body, all By-Laws of Subordinates under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have proceeded to examine the By-Laws of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, and approve of the same; and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. JOHNSON,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
N. CHANDLER,  
SYDNEY ALLING.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved,* That the By-Laws of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, as presented to this R. W. Grand Body, be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

G. Warden Willey asked to be excused from serving on the Committee on the memorial of P. G. Thomas, preferring charges against P. G. M. Miller. On motion excused and P. G. M. Croswell appointed in his place.

The Committee on Elections, reported as correct the certificate of P. G. Cliff, of No. 13, who was admitted, and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

Resolution, that the present officers of Rippowam Lodge, be accepted by this Grand Lodge, as though officers in good and regular standing, and eligible to all the honors of their office. Passed.

Resolution, that the proceedings of the present session of the Grand Lodge, be printed, and distributed among the several Lodges of this State.

No farther business being brought forward, the Grand Chaplain offered up prayers, and the Grand Lodge closed its session in ample form.

Attest,

LUCIUS G. PECK,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Dr. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Conn., In account with S. Bishop, Grand Treasurer, Cr.

| 1846    | July                                    | 1c46      | 1846  | July                                      | 1846   | 1846      | 1846 |
|---------|-----------------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------------------------------|--------|-----------|------|
|         |                                         |           |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| 9       | To Cash paid Grand Representatives, - - | 159 50    | 8     | By Balance from old account, - - -        | 60 79  |           |      |
| "       | " " P. M. Judson, - - -                 | 9 00      | 10    | " " Cash received of Grand Secretary, - - | 589 57 |           |      |
| "       | " " J. M. Willey, - - -                 | 6 00      | 1847  |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " C. J. Gruman, - - -                 | 5 50      | July  |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " J. W. Johnson, - - -                | 5 00      | 10    | " " Cash in Savings' Bank, - - -          | 458 22 |           |      |
| "       | " " C. W. Bradley, - - -                | 30 00     | Jan'y | " " Twenty Shares of Temple Stock, - -    | 300 00 |           |      |
| "       | " " John Greenwood, Jr., - -            | 6 00      |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Croswell & Jewett, - -              | 9 33      |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Harmony Lodge, - - -                | 15 00     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " L. A. Thomas, - - -                 | 6 50      |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " J. Gunn, - - -                      | 3 75      |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " P. Dennick, - - -                   | 1 50      |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Bassett & Bradley, - -              | 16 00     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Peck & Stafford, - - -              | 78 46     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " H. L. Miller, - - -                 | 23 07     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Grand Lodge U. S. Dues, -           | 40 00     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | " " Grand Representative Miller, -      | 35 00     |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| Sept 19 |                                         |           |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| Oct. 1  |                                         |           |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| 1847    |                                         |           |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| Jan'y 1 |                                         |           |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | Deposited in Savings' Bank, - -         | 458 22    |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | Twenty Shares Temple Stock, - -         | 300 00    |       |                                           |        |           |      |
| "       | Balance to new account, - - -           | 207 75    |       |                                           |        |           |      |
|         |                                         | \$1408 58 |       |                                           |        | \$1408 58 |      |

*Abstract of Quarterly returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from July, 1846, to January, 1847, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.*

| LODGES.       | No. | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole Number. | Receipts of Gen-<br>eral Fund. | Receipts of Wid-<br>ow and Or-<br>phans' Fund. | Whole amount<br>General Fund. | Whole amount<br>Widow and Or-<br>phans' Fund. | Dues to G. Lodge. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. Fam. reliev'd. | Brothers buried. | Amount paid for<br>relief of Bro-<br>thers. | Amount for Wid-<br>owed Families. | Amount paid for<br>Education. | Amount paid for<br>burying dead. | Total amount of<br>benefits. |
|---------------|-----|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Quinnipiac,   | 1   | 11         | 4                 | 0           | 1         | 5          | 11         | 0         | 2         | 433           | \$1370.89                      | \$000.00                                       | \$2036.78                     | \$1798.51                                     | \$11              | 37                 | 0                   | 2                | \$687.50                                    | \$0.00                            | \$0.00                        | \$0.00                           | \$747.50                     |
| Charter Oak,  | 2   | 27         | 0                 | 2           | 1         | 3          | 22         | 0         | 3         | 256           | 840.15                         | 152.23                                         | 782.05                        | 972.95                                        | 27                | 26                 | 2                   | 3                | 363.00                                      | 30.00                             | .00                           | 60.00                            | 453.00                       |
| Middlesex,    | 3   | 3          | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 3          | 8          | 0         | 1         | 75            | 200.06                         | 32.56                                          | 204.60                        | 294.31                                        | 3                 | 6                  | 0                   | 1                | 214.00                                      | .00                               | .00                           | 30.00                            | 244.00                       |
| Pequanock,    | 4   | 23         | 0                 | 5           | 1         | 5          | 0          | 1         | 246       | 813.97        | 26.50                          | 1277.22                                        | 1010.80                       | 23                                            | 37                | 2                  | 1                   | 454.25           | .00                                         | 45.00                             | .00                           | 529.25                           |                              |
| Harmony,      | 5   | 2          | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 13         | 9          | 1         | 238       | 1052.60       | 571.63                         | 84.27                                          | 940.43                        | 743.62                                        | 2                 | 29                 | 1                   | 2                | 408.00                                      | .00                               | .00                           | 60.00                            | 493.00                       |
| Ousatonic,    | 6   | 23         | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 3          | 1          | 0         | 148       | 720.30        | 720.30                         | 451.76                                         | 720.30                        | 451.76                                        | 23                | 14                 | 0                   | 0                | 196.00                                      | .00                               | .00                           | .00                              | 196.00                       |
| Samaritan,    | 7   | 7          | 0                 | 5           | 0         | 3          | 5          | 1         | 138       | 359.20        | 74.71                          | 540.43                                         | 548.89                        | 7                                             | 12                | 1                  | 0                   | 210.00           | .00                                         | 20.00                             | .00                           | 230.00                           |                              |
| Mercantile,   | 8   | 47         | 4                 | 0           | 4         | 4          | 0          | 2         | 0         | 194           | 739.72                         | 113.43                                         | 97.53                         | 340.31                                        | 47                | 8                  | 2                   | 0                | 75.00                                       | .00                               | .00                           | 30.00                            | 105.00                       |
| Thames,*      | 9   | 4          | 2                 | 0           | 1         | 0          | 1          | 0         | 284       | 163.95        | 40.83                          | 445.09                                         | 1009.92                       | 4                                             | 13                | 0                  | 0                   | 176.00           | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 176.00                           |                              |
| Our Brothers, | 10  | 4          | 1                 | 0           | 1         | 12         | 3          | 0         | 156       | 384.13        | 95.85                          | 522.40                                         | 592.01                        | 4                                             | 23                | 0                  | 0                   | 174.00           | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 174.00                           |                              |
| Uncas,        | 11  | 21         | 1                 | 0           | 8         | 6          | 5          | 0         | 317       | 911.89        | 154.51                         | 3437.30                                        | 1014.81                       | 21                                            | 16                | 3                  | 0                   | 216.00           | .00                                         | 58.50                             | 15.00                         | 289.50                           |                              |
| Central,      | 12  | 11         | 1                 | 0           | 1         | 7          | 2          | 0         | 184       | 436.32        | 58.60                          | 540.23                                         | 500.44                        | 11                                            | 29                | 0                  | 1                   | 272.00           | .00                                         | .00                               | 30.00                         | 302.00                           |                              |
| Charity,      | 13  | 4          | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0         | 87        | 174.50        | 41.64                          | 341.03                                         | 78.60                         | 4                                             | 12                | 2                  | 0                   | 34.00            | .00                                         | 92.93                             | .00                           | 126.93                           |                              |
| Wopowage,     | 14  | 0          | 0                 | 1           | 0         | 0          | 3          | 0         | 48        | 98.02         | 6.53                           | 425.46                                         | 88.78                         | 0                                             | 2                 | 0                  | 0                   | 10.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 10.00                            |                              |
| Montawese,    | 15  | 15         | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0         | 50        | 369.54        | 44.14                          | 293.60                                         | 165.02                        | 15                                            | 2                 | 0                  | 0                   | 36.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | 30.00                         | 36.00                            |                              |
| Washington,   | 16  | 12         | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0          | 1          | 0         | 1         | 87            | 207.28                         | 44.14                                          | 151.81                        | 151.81                                        | 12                | 12                 | 0                   | 1                | 184.00                                      | .00                               | .00                           | 30.00                            | 214.00                       |
| Trumbull,     | 17  | 8          | 0                 | 0           | 1         | 0          | 1          | 0         | 101       | 223.17        | 65.25                          | 416.27                                         | 111.88                        | 8                                             | 4                 | 0                  | 0                   | 16.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 16.00                            |                              |
| Nathan Hale,  | 18  | 10         | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 1          | 0          | 1         | 85        | 189.42        | 30.29                          | 399.67                                         | 79.16                         | 10                                            | 1                 | 0                  | 0                   | 21.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 21.00                            |                              |
| Mystic,       | 19  | 0          | 0                 | 0           | 0         | 0          | 0          | 1         | 31        | 95.83         | 16.69                          | 28.01                                          | 36.35                         | 0                                             | 6                 | 0                  | 0                   | 64.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 64.00                            |                              |
| Fenwick,      | 20  | 9          | 1                 | 0           | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0         | 46        | 168.86        | 28.87                          | 9.68                                           | 98.77                         | 9                                             | 9                 | 1                  | 0                   | 31.00            | .00                                         | .00                               | .00                           | 31.00                            |                              |

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| Noahogan,        | 21 | 10  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 2  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 68   | 405.83   | 44.30   | 152.51   | 134.33   | 10  | 10  | 0  | 0  | 120.00  | .00    | 120.00  |
| Farmers & Mech's | 22 | 26  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1  | 1 | 0  | 114  | 557.89   | 67.08   | 421.80   | 181.49   | 26  | 14  | 0  | 0  | 107.00  | .00    | 107.00  |
| Acanthus,        | 23 |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |      |          |         |          |          |     |     |    |    |         | .00    |         |
| Ripowam,         | 24 | 10  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1 | 0  | 74   | 150.09   | 37.60   | 186.14   | 118.27   | 10  | 6   | 0  | 0  | 41.00   | .00    | 41.00   |
| Oakland,         | 25 |     |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |      |          |         |          |          |     |     |    |    |         | .00    |         |
| Stonington,      | 26 | 11  | 0  | 0  | 4  | 1  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 52   | 265.96   | 43.28   | 97.63    | 63.51    | 11  | 8   | 0  | 0  | 49.00   | .00    | 49.00   |
| Oweneco,         | 27 | 5   | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 65   | 146.26   | 50.48   | 67.24    | 67.24    | 5   | 6   | 0  | 0  | 80.00   | .00    | 80.00   |
| Hancock,         | 28 | 9   | 0  | 2  | 0  | 3  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 48   | †135.00  |         | 36.62    | 60.35    | 9   | 3   | 0  | 0  | 49.00   | .00    | 49.00   |
| Howard,          | 29 | 9   | 1  | 0  | 3  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 54   | 168.20   | 10.12   | 29.83    | 15.24    | 9   | 0   | 0  | 0  | .00     | .00    | .00     |
| Union,           | 30 | 17  | 1  | 0  | 1  | 4  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 37   | 279.94   | 34.83   |          | 38.16    | 17  | 3   | 0  | 0  | 28.00   | .00    | 28.00   |
| Olive Branch,    | 31 | 9   | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 1  | 33   | 161.43   | 10.50   | 3.19     | 24.50    | 9   | 3   | 0  | 1  | 9.00    | .00    | 25.00   |
| Nazarene,        | 32 | 25  | 8  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 33   | †171.74  |         | 46.32    | 8.72     | 25  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .00     | .00    | .00     |
| Freestone,       | 33 | 13  | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 18   | 116.75   | 14.37   | 116.75   | 14.37    | 13  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .00     | .00    | .00     |
| Quinebaug,       | 34 | 22  | 6  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0  | 28   | 279.84   |         | .00      | .60      | 22  | 0   | 0  | 0  | .00     | .00    | .00     |
| Total,           |    | 407 | 40 | 11 | 46 | 73 | 81 | 9 | 12 | 3828 | 12200.15 | 1379.44 | 14776.93 | 11083.07 | 407 | 347 | 13 | 12 | 4324.75 | 271.43 | 4966.18 |

• The Report for the Quarter ending Jan. 1847, never received by the G. Secretary. † Including Widows and Orphan's Fund.  
† Burial of wives of brothers.  
Expelled from No. 5, Moses W. Campbell; cause—adultery.  
Expelled from No. 7, Embra A. Stevens; cause—drunkenness.  
Expelled from No. 8, Oliver M. Wales; cause—drunkenness. H. H. Woodruff; cause—fraudulently representing his age to be over 21 years, when admitted.  
Expelled from No. 17, John T. Brown; cause—immoral conduct.  
Expelled from No. 18, William L. Ransom; cause—non-payment of dues.  
Expelled from No. 19, William H. Noyes; cause—immoral conduct.  
Expelled from No. 22, John O. Donnell; cause—conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.  
Expelled from No. 24, Marcellus J. Judd; cause—conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow.

## LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name.                   | Where Established. |                      |             | Dis. | When Instituted.     | Sessions.                |
|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                         | No.                | Post Office.         | County.     |      |                      |                          |
| QUINNIPAC,*             | 1                  | New Haven,           | New Haven.  | 1    | September 3d, 1839.  | Every Monday.            |
| CHARTER OAK,*           | 2                  | Hartford,            | Hartford.   | 2    | April 21st, 1840.    | " Tuesday.               |
| MIDDLESEX,*             | 3                  | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex.  | 3    | April 22d, 1840.     | First and Third Mondays. |
| PEQUANOCK,              | 4                  | Bridgeport,          | Fairfield.  | 4    | June 11th, 1841.     | Every Tuesday.           |
| HARMONY,                | 5                  | New Haven,           | New Haven.  | 5    | June 15th, 1841.     | " Tuesday.               |
| OUSATONIC,              | 6                  | Derby,               | " "         | 6    | October 13th, 1841.  | " Monday.                |
| SAMARITAN,              | 7                  | Danbury,             | Fairfield.  | 7    | May 5th, 1842.       | " Wednesday.             |
| MERCANTILE,             | 8                  | Hartford,            | Hartford.   | 8    | June 13th, 1842.     | " Friday.                |
| THAMES,                 | 9                  | New London,          | New London. | 9    | September 23d, 1842. | " Monday.                |
| OUR BROTHERS,           | 10                 | Norwalk,             | Fairfield.  | 10   | October 19th, 1842.  | " Monday.                |
| UNCAS,                  | 11                 | Norwich, City,       | New London. | 11   | March 10th, 1843.    | " Monday.                |
| CENTRAL,                | 12                 | Middletown,          | Middlesex.  | 12   | June 12th, 1843.     | " Thursday.              |
| CHARITY,                | 13                 | Lower Mystic,        | New London. | 13   | April 11th, 1844.    | " Wednesday.             |
| WOFOWAGE,               | 14                 | Milford,             | New Haven.  | 14   | June 19th, 1844.     | " Monday.                |
| MONTAWESE,              | 15                 | New Haven,           | " "         | 15   | January 8th, 1845.   | " Monday.                |
| WASHINGTON,             | 16                 | Willimantic,         | Windham.    | 16   | December 26th, 1844. | " Wednesday.             |
| TRUMBULL,               | 17                 | New London,          | New London. | 17   | " 20th, 1844.        | " Wednesday.             |
| NATHAN HALE,            | 18                 | Tolland,             | Tolland.    | 18   | January 17th, 1845.  | " Wednesday.             |
| MYTIC,                  | 19                 | Upper Mystic,        | New London. | 19   | February 27th, 1845. | " Thursday.              |
| FENWICK,                | 20                 | Essexborough,        | Middlesex.  | 20   | March 19th, 1845.    | " Wednesday.             |
| NOSABOGAN,              | 21                 | Waterbury,           | New Haven.  | 21   | July 1st, 1845.      | " Thursday.              |
| FARMERS AND MECHANICS', | 22                 | Warehouse Point,     | Hartford.   | 22   | June 12th, 1845.     | " Wednesday.             |
| ACANTHUS,               | 23                 | Granby,              | " "         | 23   | August 20th, 1845.   | " Thursday.              |
| RIPPOWAM,               | 24                 | Stamford,            | Fairfield.  | 24   | October 1st, 1845.   | " Wednesday.             |
| OAKLAND,                | 25                 | Oakland,             | Hartford.   | 25   | October 9th, 1845.   | " Monday.                |
| STONINGTON,             | 26                 | Stonington,          | New London. | 26   | Dec. 12th, 1845.     | " Tuesday.               |
| QWENECO,                | 27                 | Greenville,          | " "         | 27   | January 1st, 1846.   | " Monday.                |

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| HANCOCK,      | 28 Meriden,        | New Haven.  | 21 March 4th, 1846.  | Every Wednesday. |
| HOWARD,       | 29 Bethel,         | Fairfield.  | 6 March 24th, 1846.  | " Monday.        |
| UNION,        | 30 Winsted,        | Litchfield. | 22 March 27th, 1846. | " Friday.        |
| OLIVE BRANCH, | 31 Redding,        | Fairfield.  | 23 April —, 1846.    | " Monday.        |
| NAZARENE,     | 32 Stafford,       | Tolland.    | May 14th, 1846.      | " Thursday.      |
| FREESTONE,    | 33 Portland,       | Middlesex.  | July 15th, 1846.     | " Wednesday.     |
| QUINEBAUG,    | 34 Danielsonville, | Windham.    | Sept. 10th, 1846.    | " Thursday.      |
| COLUMBIAN,    | 35 Litchfield,     | Litchfield. | Dec. 10th, 1846.     | " Wednesday.     |
| CITY,         | 36 New Haven,      | New Haven.  | Dec. 24, 1846.       | " Wednesday.     |
| WOOSTER,      | 37 New Canaan,     | Fairfield.  | February 22d, 1847.  | " Monday.        |
| TUNXIS,       | 38 Tartifville,    | Hartford.   | February —, 1847.    | " Monday.        |
| PINE MEADOW,  | 39 Windsor Locks,  | "           | February 3d, 1847.   | " Wednesday.     |
| HYPHENON,     | 40 Hartford,       | "           | February 4th, 1847.  | " Thursday.      |
| ARCANUM,      | 41 Bridgeport,     | Fairfield.  |                      |                  |

\* Original charters from Grand Lodge of United States.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF GRAND LODGE.

ART. III. SEC. 2. Amended by striking out the words "he shall in concurrence with the Committee on the State of the Order, semi-annually arrange the subordinates into convenient districts for the more advantageous administration of his superintending powers." See pp. 195, 225, 227.

SEC. 3. Amended by the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Deputy G. Master to lay out a District in each town where there is one or more lodges." See p. 227. Amended also by the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That the D. G. Master is hereby instructed to appoint to the office of D. D. Grand Master, such Past Grands only as are members of this Grand Lodge, and who may be recommended to him by a vote of the Lodge, under seal of the Secretary. See p. 293. Also resolution, "that from and after," p. 295.

ART. IV. SEC. 3. Amended by striking out the words "and together with the Grand Master to define and fix the limits of the several districts semi-annually. See pp. 195, 225, 227.

ART. VII. SEC. 7. Amended by striking out the whole section and substituting the following: "Sec. 7. No candidate for admission to any Lodge in this State shall be initiated out of the town in which he resides; provided there be a regularly constituted Lodge of Odd Fellows in the town where the candidate so resides." See pp. 195, 225, 227. This section is also amended by the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no candidate for admission into a Subordinate Lodge *by Card*, can be admitted out of the town where he resides if there be a Lodge in the place of his residence, without a violation of the seventh section of the VIIth Article of the Constitution." See p. 246.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 5. Amended by additions. See pp. 219 and 285.—Amended by resolution "declaring the construction of Art. V., to be opposed to the payment of travelling expenses of officers elect." p. 169.

SEC. 12. Amended by striking out "as prescribed by these by-laws," and inserting "and observe the order of procession

prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States. See pp. 283, 292, also resolution, p. 258.

SEC. 13. Amended by the following resolution: "*Resolved*, That whenever the good of the order shall, in the opinion of the Grand Master require a personal visit from him, or some other Grand Officer designated by him, to any subordinate Lodge, then the expense of such visit shall be paid from the funds of this Lodge." p. 248.

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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION FOR SUBORDINATES.

ART. I. SEC. 3. Amended by striking out "four" in second line, and inserting "two." p. 291.

ART. II. Amended by resolution. "*Resolved*, That if a brother," &c. p. 228.

ART. IV. SEC. 2. Explained by resolution. p. 294.

SEC. 6. Amended by resolution. "*Resolved*, That whenever an appeal," &c. See p. 227.

SEC. 7. Amended by inserting after "suspended," in first line, "except those suspended for non-payment of dues." See p. 257. Explained also by resolution. "*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge," &c. p. 226.

ART. V. SEC. 4. Amended by striking out the whole section, and substituting "Each elected officer," &c. p. 222.

SEC. 6. Amended by striking out "two terms," and inserting "one term." p. 292 Also by appending, "Provided, however, that in case of newly instituted Lodges, any brother who has attained to the scarlet degree shall be eligible to either of the above offices until after the expiration of the second term. p. 248.

ART. VI. SEC. I. Amended to read as follows: "Regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first meetings in July and January, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence." See p. 292.

SEC. 2. Caption amended by substituting "semi-annual," for "quarterly." p. 292.



## C I R C U L A R ,

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES UNDER THE  
JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

SIRS AND BROTHERS—

By direction of the Grand Lodge, (page 296,) it became my duty to forward to each Lodge, a copy of all amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges. These you will find on pages 303 and 304, of the accompanying report. Want of room has compelled me to refer to them in their proper order, without copying in full. It is believed however, that the plan adopted will be found as convenient as any other.

The publication of the Proceedings has been delayed much longer than usual—and it is due to you that the reason of this delay should be given. Soon after the last session of the Grand Lodge, viz: on the 13th day of February, the office of the Grand Secretary, with nearly all it contained, was destroyed by fire. Fortunately, the most valuable papers belonging to the Grand Lodge, were deposited in another place, but many of material importance in making out this report were lost. The confusion necessarily following such an accident—the press of ordinary business, and the difficulty of transacting it—the time required, first to find what was lost and then to repair that loss, have caused the delay in publication, which under the circumstances, I trust, will be excused.

The time for making the regular Report from Subordinates is just at hand, and I again beg leave to call your attention to the matters contained in my last Circular. Many Lodges did not report at the end of the last term, and some have not yet reported. At this time, when throughout the State, the Order is flourishing beyond precedent, it is hoped there will be no failure or delay in making and forwarding to the Grand Lodge, the necessary Reports.

LUCIUS G. PECK,

*Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Conn.*

## ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of the State of Conn., }  
 New Haven, Wednesday, July 15, 1847. }

In accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, assembled this day at 2 o'clock, P. M., in Annual Session; and after prayer by the Rev. and Worthy Grand Chaplain, was opened in ample form.

## PRESENT:

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| M. W. PRELATE DEMICK,      | of No. 1, <i>Grand Master.</i>         |
| R. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr., | " No. 29, <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>  |
| R. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,    | " No. 20, <i>Grand Warden.</i>         |
| R. W. LUCIUS G. PECK,      | " No. 5, <i>Grand Secretary.</i>       |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,       | " No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>       |
| R. W. PHILO M. JUDSON,     | " No. 11, <i>Grand Representative.</i> |
| R. W. HENRY L. MILLER,     | " No. 8, <i>Grand Representative.</i>  |
| W. TOWNSEND P. ABELL,      | " No. 12, <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>       |
| W. NEWELL C. HALL,         | " No. 1, <i>Grand Marshal.</i>         |
| W. CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN,     | " No. 10, <i>Grand Conductor.</i>      |
| W. EDSON FESSENDEN,        | " No. 8, <i>Grand Guardian.</i>        |

Also, REPRESENTATIVES from FORTY-TWO Lodges.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of the last Session was dispensed with.

The Grand Master announced the following Committees; viz.:

*On Election Returns,*

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| Representative | J. L. Devotion, of No. 11. |
| "              | A. S. Wightman, of No. 9.  |
| "              | S. Lockwood, of No. 24.    |

*On the State of the Order.*

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| Representative | M. A. Shepard, of No. 20.   |
| "              | T. C. Hollis, of No. 36.    |
| "              | R. E. Hitchcock, of No. 21. |
| "              | J. B. Flagg, of No. 40.     |
| "              | G. S. Sanford, of No. 4.    |

*On Finance.*

- Representative William L. Brewer, of No. 11.  
" D. S. Law, of No. 21.  
" Charles A. Saunders, of No. 15.

*On Printing and Stationery,*

- Representative L. G. Peck, of No. 5.  
" Cornelius Wildman, of No. 1.  
" L. B. Allyn, of No. 8.

On motion the Roll of Lodges was called, and the Representatives of each Lodge were requested to nominate one of their number to act as a member of the Committee on Grievances, for the current year. The following Representatives were nominated and appointed of the

*Committee on Grievances, viz.:*

- Lodge No. 1. Eliphalet G. Storer.  
" No. 2. Edward Button.  
" No. 3. H. G. Loomis.  
" No. 4. G. B. Ambler.  
" No. 5. Samuel Tolles.  
" No. 6. Horatio N. Hawkins.  
" No. 7. S. G. Raymond.  
" No. 8. William B. Ely.  
" No. 9. Jesse Rich.  
" No. 10. G. W. Smith.  
" No. 11. H. A. Barrows.  
" No. 12. James S. Parmelee.  
" No. 13. Alonzo Williams.  
" No. 14. F. C. Dayton.  
" No. 15. Luther P. Bradley.  
" No. 16. William L. King.  
" No. 17. W. J. Gray.  
" No. 18. H. Underwood.  
" No. 19. William Crum.  
" No. 20. John G. Hayden.  
" No. 21. E. S. Clark.  
" No. 22. R. M. Abbe.  
" No. 23. Chester Seymour.  
" No. 24. R. H. Lockwood.  
" No. 25. Melancthon Hudson.

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| Lodge | No. 26. | Charles H. Smith. |
| "     | No. 27. | — — —.*           |
| "     | No. 28. | I. N. Yale.       |
| "     | No. 29. | W. A. Judd.       |
| "     | No. 30. | Lucius H. Clarke  |
| "     | No. 31. | Joel B. Ferguson. |
| "     | No. 32. | Carlos Prouty.    |
| "     | No. 33. | Alfred Hall.      |
| "     | No. 34. | Elisha Frisell.   |
| "     | No. 35. | — — —.*           |
| "     | No. 36. | Joel B. Foot.     |
| "     | No. 37. | Egbert Mead.      |
| "     | No. 38. | — — —.*           |
| "     | No. 39. | J. S. Rice.       |
| "     | No. 40. | John B. Eldridge. |
| "     | No. 41. | Ira Morse.        |
| "     | No. 42. | Andrew Terry.     |
| "     | No. 43. | S. R. Miller.     |
| "     | No. 44. | Silas Chapin.     |
| "     | No. 45. | G. C. Owen.       |
| "     | No. 46. | — — —.*           |
| "     | No. 47. | — — —.*           |

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The memorial of P. R. Law, complaining of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, for refusing him one weeks benefit, was read and referred to Committee on Grievances.

The *Committee on Finance* offered the following report, which was read, and with the Grand Treasurer's Report accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The undersigned Committee of Finance,

#### REPORT,

That they have audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and find them correct. The Grand Treasurer has in his hands, a balance in cash of \$156 60, and has deposited in the Savings Bank \$469 68, which with twenty shares of Union School Stock, which cost \$300, make the total fund of the Grand Lodge \$926 28.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

W. L. BREWER,  
CHARLES A. SAUNDERS,  
D. S. LAW.

*Committee on Finance.*

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\* Not represented.

A communication from *Thames Lodge, No. 9*, was read, stating that brother R. J. Kimball had served regular terms in said Lodge, as Secretary and Vice Grand,—had been elected and served part of his term as Noble Grand, but in consequence of ill health had been obliged to leave the chair of N. G., which was filled during the remainder of the term by Past Grands of the Lodge; and asking for the decision of the Grand Lodge, whether under the circumstances, he was not eligible to a seat in the Grand Lodge.

On motion, brother Kimball was allowed a seat in the Grand Lodge, after being instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.\*

The petition of brother D. A. Barclay, asking for a seat in the Grand Lodge, was read and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The memorial of brother M. Melvin, referred to the same committee.

Grand Treasurer Bishop asked for leave of absence the remainder of the session; which on motion was granted.

The By-Laws and Rules of Order of sundry Lodges were presented, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee on *Election Returns*, reported the certificates of forty-five new representatives, as entitling them to admission, and to the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion of P. G. M. Devotion, the following Representatives elect were instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and took their seats as members; viz.:

- QUINNIPIAC, No. 1,—D. M. Burwell.  
CHARTER OAK, No. 2,—James M. Stedman, Wm. H. Sweetland.  
MIDDLESEX, No. 3,—George E. Goodspeed, H. G. Loomis.  
PEQUANOCK, No. 4,—George B. Ambler, George S. Sanford.  
OUSATONIC, No. 6,—J. R. Sperry, John Lindley.  
SAMARITAN, No. 7,—Samuel G. Raymond.  
MERCANTILE, No. 8,—R. G. Drake.  
THAMES, No. 9,—J. K. Corthell, Robert B. Jackson, R. J. Kimball.  
OUR BROTHERS, No. 10,—George W. Smith.  
UNCAS, No. 11,—James A. Hovey.  
CENTRAL, No. 12,—William B. Cary.

\* The question involved in this decision, is, whether the absence of an officer from his chair deprives him of the privileges of a past officer; his chair never having been declared vacant, by vote of the Lodge.

CHARITY, No. 13,—Amos Clift.  
WOPPOWAGE, No. 14,—Horace Brown.  
MONTAWESE, No. 15,—Samuel Daskam.  
WASHINGTON, No. 16,—William L. King.  
TRUMBULL, No. 17,—William J. Gray.  
NATHAN HALE, No. 18,—Henry Underwood.  
MYSTIC, No. 19,—William Crum.  
FENWICK, No. 20,—George K. Stillman.  
NOSAHOGAN, No. 21,—Merritt Lane, George W. Benedict.  
FARMERS & MECHANICS, No. 22,—Phillip Tucker, C. A. Lord.  
RIPPOWAM, No. 24, Robert H. Lockwood.  
OAKLAND, No. 25,—H. C. Woodbridge, P. D. Perry, Jno. S. Dobson, H. L. Moulton.  
STONINGTON, No. 26,—Billings Wheeler, Charles H. Smith.  
HANCOCK, 28, Ira N. Yale, John S. Blake.  
UNION, No. 30,—W. H. Cowdry.  
NAZARENE, No. 32,—Carlos Prouty.  
QUINEBAUG, No. 34,—Elisha Frissell.  
CITY, No. 36,—Joel B. Foot.  
WOOSTER, No. 37,—Egbert Mead.  
PINE MEADOW, No. 39,—Josiah S. Rice.  
HYPERION, No. 40,—John B. Eldridge.  
ARCANUM, No. 41,—Ira Morse.  
FRANKLIN, No. 42,—Andrew Terry.  
ORION, No. 43,—S. R. Miller.  
BETHEL ROCK, No. 44,—Silas Chapin.  
THOMPSONVILLE, No. 45,—George C. Owen.

The petition of brother Richard Spencer, praying for a seat in this Grand Lodge, referred to a special committee of three ; and Representatives Sheldon Bassett, A. Cliff, and S. Lockwood, were appointed said Committee.

The M. W. GRAND MASTER then read the following report :

*To the Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives.*

It becomes my duty, at this stage of our proceedings, to lay before you a report of my official acts. And I embrace this opportunity to express my gratitude to the great Author of all blessings, for the preservation of our lives and health, since we were last assembled ; and for the prosperous and happy circumstances under which we are again permitted to meet in this, our seventh annual session.

It cannot but be gratifying to the assembled Representatives, and to the brotherhood throughout the State, to know that the Order under this jurisdiction, has, during the past year, exhibited the evidences of prosperity and usefulness, equal at least, to those of any previous year.

At our last session, Charters were granted to three Subordinate Lodges, which had been previously instituted by authority of Dispensations granted for that purpose.

Five other Charters were also granted directly to petitioners for new Lodges, which were subsequently instituted, viz:

WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37, New Canaan, Fairfield County.

TUNXIS LODGE, No. 38, Tariffville, Hartford County.

PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39, Windsor Locks, Hartford County.

HYPERION LODGE, No. 40, Hartford, Hartford County.

ARGANUM LODGE, No. 41, Bridgeport, Fairfield County.

Immediately after the adjournment of that Session, I caused these Lodges severally to be instituted, as follows: Wooster Lodge, No. 37, was instituted on the 21st day of January last, by the W. G. Conductor, C. J. Gruman, assisted by Past Grand's P. L. Cunningham, E. S. Quintard, Levi Clark, George Randall, B. B. Hall and Past Secretary William E. Bissell, and Conductor Clark Platt, together with a number of brothers from Lodges Nos. 10, and 24. From the full and accurate report of the W. G. Conductor, it appears that the Lodge consisted when instituted, of the twelve original petitioners; that nine new propositions were received and accepted on the first evening, five of which being in waiting were initiated. The following officers were elected and installed, to wit: George Gearheart, N. G., Egbert Mead, V. G., Thomas Raymond Secretary, Ebenezer Ayres, Jr., Treasurer. After the Lodge had been closed, the five degrees were conferred on five candidates, and the last two degrees on one candidate. The W. G. Conductor speaks in flattering terms of the character and standing of the members of Wooster Lodge. He says, they commence their career free from debt, have all they need for their comfort and well being, and money in their treasury.

Tunxis Lodge, No. 38, was also instituted on the 21st day of January last, by Thomas H. Seymour, at that time D. D. Grand Master for Hartford.

Pine Meadow Lodge, No. 39, was instituted by the same able officer, in the month of February last. Having received no formal report of the institution of these two Lodges, I am unable to lay before you, any further particulars respecting them.

On the 3d day of February last, accompanied by W. G. Marshal, N. C. Hall, I proceeded to Hartford, for the purpose of instituting Hyperion Lodge, No. 40. On the evening of that day, we met the brothers to whom the Charter was granted, in the large hall of Charter Oak Lodge; which notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, was literally filled with the members of the Order, residing in that city. With the assistance of several Past Grands and other members, I instituted said Lodge, and presented the Charter.

The following officers were then elected and installed, viz: John B. Eldridge, N. G., John M. Riggs, V. G., L. T. Wells, Secretary M. M. Merriman, Treasurer. Eleven applicants were received, and initiated on this occasion; the new officers officiating, assisted by D. D. Grand Master, Thomas H. Seymour, as Conductor,

and by Jared B. Flagg as Warden. It affords me pleasure to be able to say in truth, that I have seldom seen this part of the work performed more correctly, in a more impressive manner, or in better taste. There also were a large number of applications for membership, received on this occasion, and referred to the appropriate committee. And I understand that the Lodge now has more than seventy members.

From the reputation of its members, both as citizens, and members of our Order, I cannot doubt that Hyperion Lodge will occupy a high standing, as an ornamental and useful branch of our cherished Fraternity. The Grand Officers were on this occasion treated with the most unbounded hospitality, and with the greatest courtesy and kindness.

Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, was instituted on the 4th day of February last, by D. D. Grand Master, Asher M. Ruggles, who was specially deputed for that service, and who was assisted on that occasion by Past Grand's, John M. Wilson, George Walter, Benjamin K. Mills, William S. Atkinson, John W. Wilmot, Edward Hamilton, E. B. Stevens, and Charles M. Booth, the present worthy D. D. Grand Master at Bridgeport. Their regular meetings are held on Thursday evening. The officers elected and installed were Ira Morse, N. G., William H. Lacy, V. G., William H. Williams, Secretary, L. C. Shepherd, Treasurer. Nine members of the Order were admitted by Card, on their first meeting. Brother Ruggles pays a high compliment to the character and standing of the officers, and members of this new Lodge, and predicts that "It will become an ornament to the Order, and a blessing to the community." Thus the five Lodges, to which Charters were granted at your last Session directly to petitioners, have all been instituted at the earliest practicable moment, and in conformity to the laws, customs and usages of the Order; and all of them so far as I know, and believe, are in successful operation at this time.

On the 17th day of February last, I received a petition from Andrew Terry, Elisha Johnson, John M. Wardwell, Thomas Scott, Henry E. Read and Lewis Barnes, praying for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge in the town of Plymouth, in the County of Litchfield, to be known by the name and title of Franklin Lodge, No. 42. This petition was accompanied by good recommendations from Nosahogan Lodge, Waterbury, and Columbian Lodge, at Litchfield, under the respective seals of those Lodges, and the signatures of their officers—oral information was also obtained from brothers residing in Waterbury; all of which induced me to grant the Dispensation. And, on the 1st day of March last, being specially deputed for that service, D. D. Grand Master, William M. Pemberton, assisted by Past Grand's, Hitchcock, Benedict and Clark, and other members of Nosahogan and Columbian Lodges, in all more than sixty, proceeded to Plymouth, where he instituted said Lodge, according to the ancient customs and usages of the Order. Thirteen candidates were initiated on this occasion, who, subsequently on the same evening, were all instructed in the five degrees of the Order. The officers



electd and installed, were as follows, to wit: Andrew Terry, N. G., Elisha Johnson, V. G., Thomas Scott, Secretary, Henry E. Read, Treasurer. I understand this new Lodge is in a healthy and flourishing condition, with flattering prospects for the future.

On the 16th day of March last, I received a petition from D. A. Barclay, Orlando Pease, C. P. Newman, William S. Phillips, J. H. Mills, S. R. Miller, Benjamin B. Woodford, Ferris W. Cady, George W. Hinkley and Matthias Kneringer, for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge in the town of Winsted, in the County of Litchfield, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Orion Lodge, No. 43.

This petition was accompanied by the written recommendation of several distinguished members of the Order, who are Representatives in this body, and presented by another Representative in this Grand Lodge, who in person satisfied me of the expediency of granting the Dispensation; which I accordingly issued on the 17th day of March, together with the usual document giving authority to Representative J. H. Mills, to institute said Orion Lodge; which duty he performed on the nineteenth day of that month. The officers elected and installed, were S. R. Miller, N. G., William S. Phillips, V. G., W. S. Wetmore, Secretary, Orlando Pease, Treasurer.

Some dissatisfaction was manifested, in consequence of the establishment of this new Lodge in Winsted; and Union Lodge, No. 30, petitioned for an investigation. I accordingly appointed a committee for that purpose, who visited Winsted, and thoroughly investigated the whole subject. Their report, together with communications from the respective Lodges, on that subject, are herewith submitted. An unsuccessful effort was made to effect a re-union of the petitioning brothers with Union Lodge, from which they had withdrawn. In consequence of the refusal of Union Lodge to restore the petitioning brothers to membership, Orion Lodge was directed to go on, as the only way in which the complete sacrifice of its members could be prevented.

On the 31st day of March last, I received a petition from C. G. Judson, Enos Benham, Silas Chapin, Clark Lindley and W. E. Woodruff, praying for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge, in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield County, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Bethel Rock Lodge, No. 44. This petition was accompanied by the usual recommendation, both as to the petitioning brothers, and the expediency of establishing a Lodge in that place, under the seal of the Lodge at Litchfield, and also of Nosahogan at Waterbury. Other oral information was obtained, all of which induced me to grant the dispensation.

And on the 16th day of April last, accompanied by W. Grand Marshal N. C. Hall, I proceeded to Woodbury, and assisted by D. D. Grand Master Pemberton, Past Grand's Law, Bryan and Hitchcock, and several other members of Nosahogan Lodge, we instituted said Bethel Rock Lodge, No. 44, according to the laws and usages of the Order. The following officers were then elect-

ed, and installed into their respective chairs, in ample form, viz: Silas Chapin, N. G., Charles G. Judson, V. G., William E. Woodruff, Secretary, Enos Benham, Treasurer. Nine candidates were initiated on this occasion. The Grand Officers and Visiting brothers, were treated with courtesy, and entertained with hospitality. From the reputation of the founders of this new Lodge, and from my personal observation, I am satisfied that the Fraternity will most cheerfully extend a hearty welcome to this new branch.

On the 28th day of April last, I received a petition from George C. Owen, John Walker, John Hallas, Robert B. Morrison, Manning Wheelock, Jr., William Anderson, Donald Graham, H. C. Bagg, Thomas McKnight, John Kenyon, Charles Suerson, John Sickel, James Bidwell, James Worthington, William Taylor, William Moody and John Hunter, praying for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge at Thompsonville, Hartford County, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Thompsonville Lodge, No. 45.

The expediency of establishing a Lodge at Thompsonville was strongly represented by Lodges at Warehouse Point, Windsor Locks and Hartford, and recommended by the *officers* of Charter Oak, Mercantile and Hyperion Lodges, and other members of the Order. The petitioners were also highly recommended. The dispensation was therefore granted, and on the eleventh day of May last, the said Lodge was instituted by D. D. Grand Master, Dr. Joseph Olmsted, of Warehouse Point, assisted by present and passed officers, and other members of Farmers & Mechanics Lodge, and Pine Meadow Lodge. The following officers were elected and installed, viz: George C. Owen, N. G., John Walker, V. G., John Hallas, Secretary, Robert B. Morrison, Treasurer. The worthy D. D. Grand Master, remarks that "twelve highly respectable and intelligent candidates were initiated on this occasion."

From personal acquaintance with the brothers who at this time constitute the members of this newly instituted Lodge, I feel confident of the success which will attend their efforts, in raising up a Lodge in that place, which will redound to the credit and honor of the Order."

On the 12th day of May last, I received a petition from Daniel Lovejoy, James Scott, 2d, Lewis H. Bailey, Sereno S. Hurlbut, Harry N. Northrop, Augustus Lyon, Joseph F. Pugsly, Francis Meeker and Charles Mead, for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge at Ridgefield, Fairfield County, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46. This petition was also approved by Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, at Danbury, and Howard Lodge, No. 29, at Bethel, as appears by resolutions forwarded under their respective seals. Other information was also obtained, all of which fully satisfied me of the expediency of granting the dispensation, which was accordingly issued, and forwarded to R. W. John Greenwood, Jr., Deputy Grand Master, who was duly authorized to institute said Lodge. This duty he performed on the 11th day of June last, on which occasion he was

assisted by the W. Grand Conductor C. J. Gruman, Past Grand Farnam of No. 29, and brothers Bissell and Olmstead of No. 10. The officers elected and installed were as follows, viz.: James Scott, 2d, N. G., Augustus Lyon, V. G., Lewis H. Bailey, Secretary, Sereno S. Hurlbut, Treasurer.

On the 28th day of May last, I received a petition from Hiram B. Case, Henry S. Cadwell, Levi H. Hamblin, John M. Maxwell and Saunders L. Moore, praying for a dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge at Bloomfield, in the County of Hartford, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Lafayette Lodge, No. 47. This petition was accompanied by the written recommendation of several prominent members of the Order, and also by a vote of approval of Hyperion Lodge, No. 40, under its seal. The dispensation was therefore granted, and forwarded to L. B. Allyn, D. D. Grand Master of Hartford, with authority to open and institute said Lafayette Lodge, No. 47. This duty he performed on the 15th day of June last, with the assistance of Past Grand Joseph Pratt, Jr., of No. 2, V. G. John Riggs of No. 40, and V. G. A. C. Goodman, and brothers Tiffany, Andrews, Daniels and Lugden of No. 8. The officers elected and installed, on this occasion were as follows, viz.: Hiram B. Case, N. G., John M. Maxwell, V. G., Levi H. Hamblin, Secretary, Henry S. Cadwell, Treasurer. These officers were elected and installed to serve through the coming term. Two candidates were initiated on this occasion, and the five degrees were conferred on one member.

It will be seen that there are now forty-seven Subordinate Lodges under your jurisdiction. At the termination of the last annual Session, there had been thirty-two instituted. Thus fifteen new Lodges have been added to our number, during the past year, making the increase nearly fifty per cent in a single year.

This extraordinary increase may possibly excite the fears of some, for the healthy condition of the Order. I can only say that in granting dispensations for new Lodges, I have exercised all reasonable precautions, and in every instance, save one, have demanded all the usual evidences of the expediency of granting dispensations, under the seals of Lodges, nearest to the location of the proposed Lodge. Many of the new Lodges are located in remote sections of the State, and it was not convenient, to obtain any other or better evidences of the expediency of granting dispensations: indeed no other have heretofore been deemed necessary. I have no doubt that upon a careful examination of this subject, by the appropriate committee, the Grand Lodge will not only approve of what has been done, but find cause of gratulation in the fact, that so much of moral excellence, and personal worth, are comprised in our accessions.

The great importance of securing early and regular returns from all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, induces me to call your attention once more to this subject. The laws relating to returns, have in too many instances, been disregarded.

The R. W. Grand Secretary is in consequence, very much incommoded, in preparing the minutes of the Grand Lodge for pub-

lication, and in making his annual report to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This evil can, and should be effectually remedied. And I would respectfully suggest for your consideration, that the installing officer in each district, be prohibited from installing the officers elect, in any Lodge, until he shall have been furnished with the complete returns of the Lodge for the term then closed, together with the dues accruing to this Grand Lodge. And also that such installing officer be required, under a reasonable penalty, to use all due diligence to have the said returns and dues placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of the Session of this Grand Lodge, next succeeding.

A resolution of this Grand Lodge, found on page 257 of the printed Journal, was passed at our last annual Session, by which Article IV. Sec. 7, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges was amended, by adding after the word "suspended," in the first line, the words "except those suspended for non-payment of dues." The object of this resolution was to prevent the useless expense of sending notice to all the Subordinate Lodges in the State, when the cause of suspension was non-payment of dues.

But notwithstanding the adoption of this Resolution, the practice of sending such notices has prevailed to the present time, and the Lodges have thereby been subjected to much useless expense. I am informed that a single Lodge has paid for these notices alone, near five dollars. It is fair to presume that all the Lodges have paid nearly equal sums for the same item; if so, it would amount, in the aggregate, to near too hundred dollars of expenses which are entirely useless, and uncalled for.

This tax on Subordinate Lodges, should be promptly arrested. A separate resolution of this Grand Lodge, addressed to each of the Subordinates, would effectually remedy the evil.

There is one more subject to which I beg leave to call your attention. In my opinion, the publication in a separate pamphlet, of a digest of the laws and decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and of this State, would be found to be highly promotive of the best interests of the Order, under this jurisdiction. A pamphlet of a similar kind, has been published by authority of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina; and whoever has taken occasion to look over its pages, must be convinced of its great utility and convenience. The possession of such a digest, would put within the reach of the Subordinate Lodges, much of that kind of information, for which they are now in almost daily correspondence with the Grand Master.

One third of the Lodges in this State date their institution within the year now past. Many others are of comparatively recent date, so that a large portion of our constituency cannot but be inexperienced in the laws and usages of the Order, and but partially versed in those questions relating to points of order, the powers of Lodges, and the rights of members, that are constantly arising in their stated meetings. Though the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of this State, have been

furnished to each of the Lodges, the fact that these laws (generally in the form of resolutions) are scattered through voluminous publications, renders a competent knowledge of them far from being speedily acquired. The consequence is, that comparatively few of our members know little if any thing more of these laws than they would have done had no such publications been issued. Several copies of the proposed digest should be furnished to each Lodge, and the members encouraged to make themselves thoroughly acquainted therewith. Thus they would qualify themselves for self-government, and much of the time occupied by this Grand Lodge in the investigation of appeals would be saved. Harmony and uniformity would be more general, and our whole constituency essentially benefitted. If it should be deemed desirable, this digest could be continued, by the collection, and arrangement from year to year, of all subsequent laws and decisions, which after a proper period, could be published and added to the digest first issued.

I cannot conceive of any measure so eminently calculated to confer permanent benefits on our constituents, as the one under consideration. In this view I am confident all those will concur, who have been placed in positions, to learn the wants of the Subordinate Lodges.

I respectfully solicit for this subject, a liberal and charitable consideration.

With the submission of this report, my official duties approach their consummation; and I avail myself of this opportunity to tender my sincere thanks to every member of this body, for the kindness and courtesy with which their intercourse with me, has at all times been characterized. I wish also, to acknowledge myself under a debt of gratitude to present and passed officers of this Grand Lodge, who have, whenever requested, kindly given me their valuable counsel and assistance.

To the Fraternity at large, I owe many thanks for the respect it has shown, by a ready acquiescence and cheerful co-operation in all that has been done and ordered.

Should my official acts, during the year past, meet your acceptance, I shall feel richly compensated for the arduous labors performed, and the care and anxiety with which they have been attended.

To these heartfelt expressions I will only add, that my utmost exertions shall be continued, to promote the prosperity and usefulness of our beloved Institution, which has proved itself so eminently calculated to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity.

All of which is respectfully submitted in Friendship, Love and Truth.

PRELATE DEMICK,  
*Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Connecticut.*

On motion, the report of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, who were instructed to apportion it to proper committees. Representatives J. A. Hovey, G. Warden Willey, and J. B. Eldridge, were appointed such committee.

The appeal of brother S. Y. Ives, from the decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, was read, and referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The appeal of brother J. P. Jeffries, from the decision of Nossahogan Lodge, No. 21, read and referred to the same committee.

On motion of G. Warden Willey, the petition and memorial of Hiram Shaw and others, asking for a new Lodge in Stonington, was referred to a special committee of three; and Representatives J. L. Devotion, A. C. Heitmann, and A. S. Wightman were appointed such committee.

On motion, the nomination of officers of the Grand Lodge, for the ensuing year, was made the order of the day, at half past seven o'clock this evening, and election at eight o'clock.

A communication from Pine Meadow Lodge, asking that the towns of Suffield and Windsor might be united in one district, was read and referred to the committee on the State of the Order.

Representative Thomas presented sundry amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws which were read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to half past seven o'clock, this evening.

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#### WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge came to order at half past seven 7 o'clock.

The Grand Master announced the order of the day, being the nomination of officers.

The following nominations of officers for the coming year were then made:

For GRAND MASTER—D. G. M. John Greenwood, Jr., of No. 29.

For DEPUTY GRAND MASTER—G. W. Junius M. Willey, of No. 20.

For GRAND WARDEN—Representatives C. J. Gruman, of No. 10; A. S. Wightman, of No. 9; J. W. Johnson, of No. 40; T. P. Abell, of No. 12; R. G. Drake, of No. 8; P. M. Judson, of No. 11; J. A. Hovey, of No. 11; and T. C. Hollis, of No. 36.

For GRAND SECRETARY—Representatives Lucius G. Peck, of No. 5; and P. Demick, of No. 1.

For GRAND TREASURER—Representative S. Bishop, of No. 1.

For GRAND REPRESENTATIVES—T. P. Abell, of No. 12; L. G. Peck, of No. 5; J. W. Johnson, of No. 40; S. Bassett, of No. 6; E. Clark, Jr. of No. 8; A. S. Wightman, of No. 9; P. Demick, of No. 1; J. A. Hovey, of No. 11; W. T. Minor, of No. 24; T. Sheldon, of No. 2; P. M. Judson, of No. 11; R. G. Drake, of No. 8; A. M. Gordon, of No. 40; Benj. Stevens, of No. 8; L. A. Thomas, of No. 1; R. M. Abbe, of No. 22; and J. Olmstead, of No. 22.

The Grand Master appointed Representatives Hudson, of No. 25, and Benedict, of No. 21, tellers.

Before the ballot, Representatives Abell, Drake, Judson, and Hovey, declined the nomination for Grand Warden; Demick for Grand Secretary; Peck, Wightman, Hovey, Sheldon, Drake, Gordon, Stevens, Thomas, Abbe, and Olmstead, for Grand Representatives.

The Grand Master announced that eight o'clock, the time fixed by the Grand Lodge for the election of officers, had arrived, and the Grand Lodge accordingly went into an election of officers.

On the first ballot, for Grand Master, D. G. M. JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr., of No. 29, had 76 votes out of 77, and was declared elected Grand Master for the ensuing year.

On the first ballot for Deputy Grand Master, G. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, had 64 votes out of 67, and was declared elected Deputy Grand Master, for the year ensuing.

On the third ballot for Grand Warden, Representative ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9, had 66 votes out of 99, and was declared elected Grand Warden, for the ensuing year.

On the first ballot for Grand Secretary, Representative LUCIUS G. PECK, of No. 5, had all the votes cast, and was declared duly elected Grand Secretary, for the ensuing year.

On the first ballot for Grand Treasurer, Representative SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, had all of the votes cast, and was declared elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

On the second ballot, for first Grand Representative, P. G. M. PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, had 60 votes out of 108, and was declared elected first Grand Representative, for the ensuing year.

On the second ballot for second Grand Representative, Representative EZRA CLARK, Jr., of No. 8, had 66 votes out of 108, and was declared elected second Grand Representative for the ensuing year.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committees ordered to be appointed accordingly.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut :*

The Select Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That they have attended to the duties of their appointment, and would recommend that a Select Committee of three be raised on each of the following subjects, viz.:

1. On so much of the Address as refers to the *Institution of new Lodges*.

2. On so much of the Address as refers to the importance of securing *early and regular returns*, from all the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction.

3. On so much of the Address as refers to the *resolution adopted at our last Annual Session, in amendment of Article IV. Sec. 7, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges*.

4. On so much of the Address as refers to the *publication of a digest of the laws and decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and of this State*.

All which is respectfully submitted by

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| JAMES A. HOVEY, | } Committee. |
| J. M. WILLEY,   |              |
| J. B. ELDRIDGE. |              |



The *Committee on Election Returns*, reported the certificate of P. G. William Hanford, as correct ; and on motion, the Grand Warden was directed to confer the Grand Lodge Degree upon the Representative elect, in the Ante-room, and that he be then introduced into the Grand Lodge.

The petition of brother C. H. Hubbard and others, for a new Lodge in Vernon, was referred to the Committee to be raised on new Lodges.

All other petitions for new Lodges were on motion, referred to the same committee.

The Grand Master announced the following committees ; viz. :

On so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to *new Lodges*,—Representatives Greenwood, of No. 29, Bassett, of No. 6, and Willey, of No. 20.

On so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the importance of securing *early and regular returns*,—Representatives Johnson, of No. 2, Merwin, of No. 5, and Yale, of No. 28.

On so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to *Article IV. Sec. 7, of the Constitution*,—Representatives Cliff, of No. 13, Cowdry, of No. 30, and Parmelee of No. 12.

On so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to a *digest of the laws of the Grand Lodge of this State, and of the United States*, Representatives Peck, of No. 5, Eldridge, of No. 40, and Olmstead, of No. 22.

Representative Judson, of No. 11, chairman of the Committee on that subject, appointed at the last session, of the Grand Lodge, offered a report on a *national system of Education connected with our order*, together with resolutions, which after some debate, were laid on the table.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the charges preferred by Representative Thomas, against P. G. M. Henry L. Miller, alledging in substance, that P. G. M. Miller had wrongfully accused him at various times of altering and mutilating the records of the Grand Lodge, offered the following report, which was accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The undersigned a Committee to whom were referred the charges preferred by P. G. W. Lucius A. Thomas, against P. G. M. Henry L. Miller, at the last session of this Grand Lodge, respectfully

#### REPORT :

That they have given the subject a careful, attentive and impartial examination, and are of opinion that the first specification has

been proved by the testimony of Past Grand's Wildman and Gorham.

The charge in the second specification, that P. G. M. Miller had stated that the original record was altered while passing through the hands of P. G. W. Thomas, was in the opinion of the Committee, proved. The evidence before the Committee satisfied them conclusively, that errors had been committed unintentionally, in the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and that P. G. W. Thomas was not in any way responsible for the same.

The first clause of the third specification, the committee are of opinion has been substantiated.

The fourth and fifth specifications, are in the opinion of the Committee, involved in those which precede them.

The preamble to the charges, the Committee considered vague and indefinite; consequently they did not take any action upon it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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| FRED. CROSWELL,<br>JOHN L. DEVOTION,<br>E. BUTTON,<br>J. H. MILLS, | } | Committee. |
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*New Haven, July 14, 1847.*

Representative Mills, at the same time, on the part of the Committee, stated in substance, that they had agreed on the above, and for the sake of harmony in the Grand Lodge, wished, that no further action might be had on the subject.

On motion, a committee of three was raised, on the unfinished business of last session; and Representatives Thomas, of No. 1, Gordon, of No. 40, and Peck, of No. 5, were appointed.

On motion, the installation of the officers elect, was made the order of the day for 11 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

The remonstrance of Union Lodge, No. 30, against granting a Charter to Orion Lodge, No. 43, was read, and referred to the Committee on new Lodges.

The petition of Franklin Lodge, No. 42, for leave to initiate persons from out of its district, was read and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was read, and laid over to the next session, according to law.

The undersigned, move to amend the 5th Section of the IVth Article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by erasing all that part of said Section between the words "of" in the first line, and "Grand" in the third line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following words; to wit:

*"Nine members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master,*

and approved by the ;" so that if amended in the manner hereby proposed, said section will read as follows; viz:

"The Committee on Grievances shall be composed of nine members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master, and approved by the Grand Lodge."

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| JAMES A. HOVEY  | } Reps. from No. 11. |
| P. M. JUDSON,   |                      |
| LUCIUS G. PECK, |                      |

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On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to eight o'clock, tomorrow morning.

#### THURSDAY MORNING, JULY, 16.

The Grand Lodge came to order at eight o'clock, A. M.

The *Committee on unfinished business*, offered the following report, which was accepted;

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee appointed to bring forward the unfinished business of the last session of the Grand Lodge, respectfully

#### REPORT:

The following propositions on the record.

Amendment to Article III., Section 1, Constitution of Grand Lodge, page 293, published proceedings.

Amendment to Article III, Section 2, Constitution of the Grand Lodge, page 290, of published proceedings.

Amendments to Constitution of Grand Lodge, Article VI. Section 1; Article VI. Section 3; Article VII. Sections 3 and 4, page 293, published proceedings.

Also, an amendment to Article III. Section 3, of Constitution of Grand Lodge, on page 295, published proceedings.

There are also, some alterations rendered necessary by the recent changes of terms—and funeral badges, which were overlooked at the last session. Of these, a modification of Sections 18 and 22 of By-Laws of Grand Lodge, and Article V. Section 10; Article VI. Section 4, of Constitution of Subordinates, seem to be required.

All which is respectfully submitted.

L. A. THOMAS,  
L. G. PECK,

*Committee on unfinished business.*

The following resolution (see page 245, published proceedings,) continued at the last session to the present, viz.:

*Resolved*, That Article VII. Section 6, be so amended as to read thus; "Each subordinate Lodge shall pay to the Grand

Lodge the sum of *seventy-five cents* for each candidate admitted," was called up, and after some debate, was indefinitely postponed.

The amendment on page 293, of published proceedings, making the meetings of the Grand Lodge Annual, instead of Semi-Annual, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The proposed amendment on page 290, published proceedings, to add after the words "Grand Lodge," in the twenty-fourth line of Section 2, of Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the words "except legislative powers," was called up; and being found informal, was by consent, indefinitely postponed.

The proposed amendment on page 293, published proceedings, providing for an executive council, was called up, amended and as amended, passed. It is as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended by inserting after paragraph tenth of Section 1, Article III.,

" 11. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, and R. W. Grand Treasurer, shall constitute an executive council, to assist the Grand Master advisably in the recess of the Grand Lodge, in all matters that he may submitted to them."

In section 2, of the same article, insert after the words "he shall," in the fourth line of the section, the words "with the advice of the Executive Council." In the fourteenth line, after the word "may," insert "with the advice of the Executive Council;" and at the end of the twenty-third line, insert "with the advice of the Executive Council."

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brothers for a new Lodge in Stonington, offered the following report, which was accepted, and leave granted the petitioners to withdraw.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of sundry brothers residing in Stonington, for a new Lodge to be located there, have attended to the duties of their appointment, and respectfully beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That in their opinion it would be inexpedient to grant a Charter for a new Lodge in Stonington, as three Lodges have already been organized in that town, where it appears there are only about six hundred and fifty electors; and two of the Lodges now in operation have less than thirty-five members each. The petitioners,

(twenty in number,) were all members of Stonington Lodge, No. 26, and withdrew on account of a difference of opinion which existed in said Lodge, in regard to the expulsion or suspension of a member.

The Committee are of opinion that the petitioners acted with undue haste, and without much reflection, when they applied for clearance cards; they would therefore recommend that the petitioners present their cards to Stonington Lodge for admission, and also recommend that Lodge to receive them, unless there are objections which would prevent them from receiving clearance cards, were they now members of said Lodge; and that they have leave to withdraw their petition. Such a course, it is believed, will best promote the welfare and harmony of the Order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN L. DEVOTION, }  
A. S. WIGHTMAN, } Committee.  
A. C. HEITMANN, }

*New Haven, July 15, 1847.*

The proposed amendment of the Constitution, on page 295, published proceedings, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the word "District," in Article III. Section 3, of the Constitution, relating to officers and their duties, be stricken out, and the word 'Lodge' inserted," was now taken up.

Representative Clark, of No. 30, proposed the following amendment to the amendment;

*Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that the appointment of more than one D. D. G. M. in one District, be left discretionary with the Deputy Grand Master.

Amendment to the amendment rejected.

After some debate, the whole amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The complaint of brother J. Guilford, against Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

The amendment to the Constitution, proposed on page 285, published proceedings, relative to the salary of the Grand Secretary, was taken up and decided not to be legally before the Grand Lodge, it not being proposed by the representatives of two Lodges.

The Committee on Finance offered the following report, fixing the mileage of Subordinate Lodges not before represented, which was read, accepted, and the rates of mileage therein set forth, adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, would recommend that the mileage of new Lodges be as follows, to wit :

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| No. 37, at New Canaan,    | - - - - - | \$6 00 |
| No. 38, at Tariffville,   | - - - - - | 5 00   |
| No. 39, at Windsor,       | - - - - - | 5 00   |
| No. 40, at Hartford,      | - - - - - | 5 00   |
| No. 41, at Bridgeport,    | - - - - - | 4 50   |
| No. 42, at Plymouth,      | - - - - - | 5 00   |
| No. 43, at Winsted,       | - - - - - | 7 50   |
| No. 44, at Woodbury,      | - - - - - | 4 00   |
| No. 45, at Thompsonville, | - - - - - | 5 00   |
| No. 46, at Ridgefield,    | - - - - - | 6 50   |
| No. 47, at Bloomfield,    | - - - - - | 5 00   |

All of which is respectfully submitted by

W. L. BREWER,  
CHAS. A. SAUNDERS,  
D. S. LAW,

*Committee on Finance.*

The appeal of Rippowam Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the decision of this Grand Lodge, (see pp. 289, 290, published proceedings,) was read, and the following resolution, offered by Representative Thomas, passed.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary endorse on the appeal, under seal, that it has been presented to this Grand Lodge, and allowed to be transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

P. G. M. Miller offered the following resolution, which was passed :

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be paid to the Grand Secretary, for the year ensuing, in semi-annual payments, in addition to the regular salary, as provided by the constitution of this Grand Lodge.

Sundry bills were presented and ordered to be paid.

The committee on so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to new Lodges, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The special committee upon so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to petitions for Charters for new Lodges, beg leave respectfully to

## REPORT :

That they have examined documents in relation to  
Franklin Lodge, No. 42, located at Plymouth,  
Bethel Rock " No. 44, " " Woodbury,

Thompsonville Lodge, No. 45, located at Thompsonville,  
 Pilgrim " No. 46, " " Ridgefield,  
 Lafayette, " No. 47, " " Bloomfield,  
 to which dispensations have been granted in the recess of the  
 Grand Lodge, and would submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Dispensations to the above named Lodges be  
 approved, and Charters granted by this Grand Lodge.

The committee have also examined the petition from five brothers  
 for the institution of a Lodge in the town of Bristol, to be  
 hailed and known by the name of Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, and  
 recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petition of brothers for a Charter for a Lodge  
 to be located in the town of Bristol, to be known by the name of  
 Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted in F., L. and T.

JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., } *Committee.*  
 J. M. WILLEY, }

The same committee also offered the following report, which  
 was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The committee upon so much of the report of the Grand Mas-  
 ter as relates to petitions for Charters for new Lodges, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have examined the petition of thirty-one brothers for  
 a Charter for a Lodge, to be located in the town of Vernon, and  
 recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petition of thirty-one brothers for a Lodge,  
 to be located in the town of Vernon, to be known and hailed by  
 the name of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, be granted.

All which is respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., } *Committee.*  
 J. M. WILLEY, }

Representative Gruman offered the following resolution, which  
 was passed:

*Resolved*, That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to each of  
 the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of  
 the United States, for the year ensuing, in addition to the sum  
 of thirty-five dollars, provided by the Constitution.

The Committee on the State of the Order offered the follow-  
 ing report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolu-  
 tion passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred  
 the resolution of Representative Thomas, to amend the Constitu-

tion of Subordinates, would respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution:

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E. HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE S. SANFORD,  
THOS. C. HOLLIS, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of Subordinates be amended by striking out, in Article V., Section 10, the words "in the month of June," and insert "prior to the second Wednesday in July." And also, by striking out, in Article VI., Section 4, the word "June," and insert "July."

The same committee also offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the petition of Franklin Lodge, No. 42, of Plymouth, asking permission of your Right Worthy body to initiate persons residing in another town, would report the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E. HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE S. SANFORD,  
THOS. C. HOLLIS, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, may initiate candidates from another town, with the consent of the Lodge or Lodges of the District in which the candidate resides.

The same committee, to whom was referred the request of Pine Meadow Lodge, No. 39, asking the union of the towns of Suffield and Windsor, in one District, would respectfully

#### REPORT:

That no reasons have been presented for the alteration of the present district system. They would therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petition of Pine Meadow Lodge, No. 39, be continued to the next session.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

The same committee also offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the amendment of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, proposed by Representative Thomas, respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E. HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE S. SANFORD,  
J. B. FLAGG,  
THOS. C. HOLLIS, } Committee.



*Resolved*, That the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended, by striking out Sections 18 and 22, and inserting—

18. The Funeral Badge, to be worn by members of this Order, at the funeral of brothers of the Order in this State, shall be that prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz.: "A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it, a sprig of evergreen, and below it, (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer,) the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. The *Mourning Badge* to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, shall be a strip of black crape, passed through one button hole only of the left lapel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon, of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained."

The same committee also offered the following report, which was accepted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on the State of the Order have attended to the duties of their appointment, and beg leave to offer the following

#### REPORT:

That we find the semi-annual returns from the various Lodges correct, with the following exceptions, viz.: Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, report sixteen initiated, due Grand Lodge, \$15.00. Union Lodge, No. 30, report twenty-three initiated, due Grand Lodge, \$24.00. Nazarene Lodge, No. 32, report eighteen initiated, due Grand Lodge, \$13.50, and their report is deficient of the seal of the Lodge. Quinebaug Lodge, No. 34, the report is deficient of the seal of the Lodge. No reports received from Lodges No. 46 and 47.

Further, that annual returns have not been received from Lodges Nos. 1, 5, 13, 17, 19, 23, 26, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47. Nazarene Lodge, No. 32, annual report received without the seal of the Lodge.

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E. HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE S. SANFORD,

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

The same committee also offered the following report, which was accepted, and resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, whose duty it is to examine and report to this Right Worthy body all By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have proceeded to examine the By-Laws of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, Nosahogan, 21, City Lodge, 36, Trumbull, 17, Beth-

el Rock, 44, Rippowam, 24, Franklin, 42, Pequonock, 4, Farmers and Mechanics', 22, Orion, 43, Ousatonic, 8, Columbian, 35, Harmony, 5, Charter Oak, 2, Uncas, 11, and approve the same, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution. All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E. HITCHCOCK,  
GEORGE S. SANFORD,

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

*Resolved*, That the By-Laws of Charter Oak Lodge, No. 2, Harmony Lodge, No. 5, Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, Trumbull Lodge, No. 17, Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, Farmers and Mechanics' Lodge, No. 22, Pequonock Lodge, No. 4, Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, City Lodge, No. 36, Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, Franklin Lodge, No. 42, Orion Lodge, No. 43, Columbian Lodge, No. 35, Bethel Rock Lodge, No. 44, and the Rules of Order of Uncas Lodge, No. 11, as presented to this R. W. Grand Body, be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, July 16.

The Grand Lodge came to order at 2 o'clock, pursuant to vote of adjournment.

The resolution relative to Funeral Regalia, recommended by the Committee on the State of the Order, and passed this morning, was, on motion, reconsidered, and after considerable debate postponed to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution that Section 1, of Article V., of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be amended by erasing therefrom the word "May," in the last line, and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "June"—passed.\*

The following amendment to the Constitution was offered, and laid over to the next session, according to law.

*Resolved*, That Article II., Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out, in the first line, "in the month of June," and insert "prior to the second Wednesday in July."

L. A. THOMAS, for Rep. of No. 1.  
IRA MERWIN, " " " No. 5.

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\* This resolution alters the time of the election of Permanent Secretary in Subordinate Lodges, to the usual time for the election of other officers.

Representative Harris offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the charges presented at the January session of the Grand Lodge, by Representative L. A. Thomas, of No. 1, against Representative H. L. Miller, of No. 40, with the report of the committee upon the same, made at the present session, be entered in full upon the records of this body, but omitted in the printed proceedings.

After considerable debate, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

Representative Brewer offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to inquire into the expediency of a uniform system of debenture, and to report thereon at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Passed, and Representatives Drake, of No. 8, Law, of No. 21, and Yale, of No. 28, appointed said committee.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution amended, and as amended, passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother D. A. Barclay, of Union Lodge, No. 30, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have heard testimony in that case, and are of opinion that the appeal should be sustained, and recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the charges of Union Lodge, No. 30, against brother D. A. Barclay, have not been sustained.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman*.

P. G. M. Miller offered the following resolution, which also passed:

*Resolved*, That brother D. A. Barclay be, and he is hereby declared a Past Grand of Union Lodge, and in regular standing in said Lodge.\*

Resolution directing the Select Committee, to whom was referred the petition, &c., of Richard Spencer, asking for a seat in this Grand Lodge, to report a resolution in favor of his admission. Passed.†

Motion that the Grand Marshal proceed to the ante-room, and

\* See note, page 333.

† See note on page 333.

request the immediate attendance in the Grand Lodge Room of members then present—passed.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother P. R. Law, from the decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, made the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother Prentiss R. Law, from the decision of Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, in refusing him one week's benefit, in January last, beg leave to

#### REPORT:

That they have had said appeal under consideration, and examined the testimony in the case. The committee are of opinion that brother Law was entitled to the benefit he claimed, and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That Quinnipiac Lodge, No. 1, be and hereby is directed to pay brother P. R. Law, one week's benefit, for which he applied in January last.

Adopted.

The same committee offered the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of brother Martin Melvin, against Ousatonc Lodge, No. 6, complaining that the Secretary of said Lodge refused to fill out for him a proper card of withdrawal, have heard testimony relative to that case, and are of opinion that the memorial should be dismissed. Your committee submit the following resolution:

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That brother Martin Melvin have leave to withdraw his memorial.

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

The same committee offered the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother Silas Y. Ives from the decision of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, in refusing to grant him a benefit, are of opinion that the decision of Harmony Lodge was correct; and would submit the subjoined resolution:

*Resolved,* That brother S. Y. Ives have leave to withdraw his petition.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

Representative I. N. Yale moved to lay the report of the committee on the table for the purpose of introducing a minority report. Motion passed

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The subscribers beg leave to.

#### REPORT :

That in the case of brother Silas Y. Ives, brought at this session of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., before the Grievance Committee, they do dissent from the decision of the majority of said Committee, inasmuch as it was represented before said Committee that the By-Laws of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, provided that no brother who was able to attend to any part of his business, or give any directions with reference to the same during sickness, could be entitled to any benefits from the same.

The subscribers find that no such By-Law exists, and respectfully ask your right Worthy Body to grant the just and equitable prayer of the petitioner, and that the following resolution be passed :

*Resolved,* That Harmony Lodge, No. 5, be instructed to pay brother Silas Y. Ives, eight weeks benefit, according to the prayer of his petition.

WILLIAM A. JUDD,  
JAMES S. PARMELEE,  
IRA N. YALE,  
H. G. LOOMIS.

*On the part of the Committee on Grievances.*

After considerable debate, the report of the minority of the committee on Grievances was laid on the table. The report of the majority of the committee dismissing the appeal was then taken up, and report accepted, and resolution accompanying the same passed.

The report of the minority was not accepted, and the resolution accompanying the same, was indefinitely postponed.

The Select Committee to whom was referred the petition of Richard Spencer, asking for a seat in this Grand Lodge, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolution passed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

In obedience to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, the committee to whom was referred the case of Richard Spencer, respectfully

#### REPORT :

That he is entitled to a seat in this body. The committee are therefore compelled to report the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

SAMUEL LOCKWOOD, Jr., } Committee.  
AMOS CLIFF.

*Resolved*, That P. G. Richard Spencer, is entitled to, and should receive the Grand Lodge Degree, and take his seat in this body.\*

The special committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Grand Master in January, 1847, as relates to the establishment by the Order, of a general system of education, together with the doings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and of sundry State Grand Lodges, on the same subject, offered the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions passed.

*Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Conn., }  
July Session, 1847.*

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's Report to this Grand Lodge, at its last semi-annual session, in January, 1847, as relates to the establishment by the Order, of a general system of Education, and the doings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the same subject, would respectfully

#### REPORT :

That it is undoubtedly one of the cardinal duties of our Order, to see that the children of deceased brothers receive sufficient education, to be able to fill honorably, all the ordinary and respectable vocations of life. It is also apparent from statistical data, that the organization, strength, and pecuniary abilities of the Order, are fully sufficient to discharge faithfully any duty that legitimately devolves upon it; or to commence with confidence, any enterprise required by the good of the institution, or of those under its care. The Grand Lodge of the United States requests the different State Grand Lodges to consider the expediency of a general plan or system of education, to be *uniform*, throughout the jurisdiction of the United States Lodge, and under its charge and control; and to devise and forward suitable plans for the attain-

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\* It appeared by the petition and evidence, that these contested claims for a seat in the Grand Lodge, grew out of the differences arising on granting a dispensation to Orion Lodge, No. 43. It seemed that brother David A. Barclay, while N. G. of Union Lodge joined with other brothers of said Lodge, in a petition to the Grand Master, for a dispensation to open a new Lodge in the same town, to be called Orion Lodge, No. 43. For doing this, charges were brought against him in Union Lodge, and he was suspended. From this decision he appealed to the Grand Lodge. Brother Richard Spencer was then elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the suspension, (he never having served a regular term as V. G.,) and at the expiration of the term, a certificate of election as Representative was given him by Union Lodge.

In this state of facts, the Grand Lodge voted, that *both* were Past Grands of Union Lodge, in good standing; also as brother Spencer had a certificate, to admit him to a seat in the Grand Lodge; and as will be seen subsequently continued the petition for a Charter for Orion Lodge, to the next session.

ment of this object,—and this, we suppose, is the proposition to be considered.

Your committee find included under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the entire territory of our country, embracing districts as diversified in their wants, and deficiencies, as in the means and privileges already provided for the free education of the people. Our own State, for instance, is one, where (as Grand Secretary Ridgley says in transmitting the action of the United States Grand Lodge upon this subject,) “the blessing of free education is diffused in streams of vivid light, by the well directed intelligence and munificence of the legislature.” And the same may perhaps be said of all the New England and some other States; and it would seem, that nearly the only necessity imposed upon the fraternity in such States is, to see that the children under their care avail themselves of the privileges thus furnished, while in very many other States, it is the chief care and burden of those in the humbler walks of life, to procure for their offspring what is termed a common school education. Your committee confess themselves utterly unable to perceive how any uniform system within the power of the Order, can be applied, with any practicability to such a dissimilar state of facts. For our own State, and others in a similar position, we believe the project submitted to the Order, and so ably sustained by one of its most eminent members, would be most advantageous; viz.: “the founding of an University, with professorships in every department of science, to be generously endowed by the liberality of a united brotherhood,” where those of our charge who manifested peculiar merits, and a suitable disposition for further progress, might obtain a thorough liberal education, qualifying them for any of the private or public stations of life. But we believe we should approach the consideration of so important a matter, only as an humble member of one great family—all professing the same great principles of fellowship, and all deriving the greatest good to the whole. In this light, we cannot refrain from asking—would such an institution remedy in any appreciable degree, the wants of the Order in those numerous States, where the blessing of a free education by the State, is unknown? Your committee would also suggest, that the members of the Order in those States where the want of a general education is more felt—are better able to appreciate the nature, extent, and character of the great work required of the Order at large, and consequently are more competent to devise and mature suitable plans for its accomplishment.

While therefore, your committee would not recommend the proposing or adoption of any particular system by this Grand Lodge, they would, at the same time most confidently express the belief, that the entire Order in this State, would unanimously and cordially co-operate in any practicable system, or enterprise, which the wisdom of other councils may devise, which shall enable every Odd Fellow joined to us in the sacred bond of brotherhood, to secure for his offspring the “priceless blessing of edu-

cation;" a consummation, tending greatly to enhance the practical usefulness of Odd Fellowship in our own day and generation—and in a great degree to perpetuate its blessings to posterity, by the proper enlightenment of those whose inheritance it will soon become.

These considerations are embodied in the accompanying resolutions.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. M. JUDSON,  
FREDERICK CROSWELL, } Committee.

*Resolved*, That the education of the offspring of Odd Fellows, is a legitimate subject for the attention and action of the entire Order, and one worthy of the united energies and wisdom of its national and State councils.

*Resolved*, That so great diversity exists in the wants and conditions of the several States, in regard to education, that this Grand Lodge entertain doubts, as to the practicability of any system which is to be uniform in its operations throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States,—believing that the several State Lodges are better enabled to devise and apply suitable remedies within their own limits; from having the most thorough knowledge, each, of the nature of its own necessities.

*Resolved*, That while entertaining these views, we would not at present propose or adopt any plan for a *general* system of education; still, this Grand Lodge pledges itself, to cordially co-operate in any enterprise which the wisdom of others may devise, and upon which the fraternity generally may unite, for the accomplishment or furtherance of the great objects contemplated in the address and resolutions submitted to us by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby cordially presented to James L. Ridgley, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for his earnest, zealous and able efforts to arouse the attention of the Order to the important subject of education, assuring our esteemed brother, that whether the truly magnificent enterprise he has so ably projected, be successfully consummated in his day, or not, his labors and efforts in the good cause will remain to the latest generation of Odd Fellowship, a monument to the zeal, devotion, and talent, which he has so faithfully consecrated to the good of our beloved institution.

*Resolved*, That copies of the proceedings, report and resolutions be transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to R. W. Grand Secretary, James L. Ridgley.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution, (page 293,) fixing annual instead of semi-annual sessions of the Grand Lodge, made the following report:



*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proposed amendment of the Constitution, Article IV. Section 1, Article VI. Section 3; Article VII. Section 3, Article VII. Section 4,

REPORT :

That we see no good cause for the passage of the proposed amendment, and propose the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the proposed amendment be indefinitely postponed.

M. A. SHEPARD,  
RUFUS E HITCHCOCK, } *Committee.*  
GEORGE S. SANFORD.

After considerable debate, the report, together with the amendment was postponed to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolution raising a committee of three to procure new blanks for charters of Subordinate Lodges, passed; and Representatives Thomas, of No. 1, Peck, of No. 5, and Demick, of No. 1, appointed.

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of brother Joseph P. Jeffrey, of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21; also the complaint of brother Joshua Guilford, against the same Lodge, offered the following report and resolutions :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of brother Joseph P. Jeffrey, against the proceedings of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, by which he was suspended from said Lodge, have had a patient hearing of said case, and from the testimony given, are of opinion that the appeal is not sustained. The committee recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That brother Joseph P. Jeffrey be allowed to withdraw his petition.

The same committee, to whom was referred the complaint of brother Joshua Guilford, against the same Lodge, recommend the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That brother Guilford's complaint against Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, is not a proper subject for the action of this Grand Lodge, and that he have leave to withdraw the same.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

The charges on which brother Jeffrey was suspended, was for disrespect to the N. G. Representative Judson moved to amend the resolution relating to brother Jeffrey, as follows.

*Resolved*, That the punishment inflicted by Nosahogan Lodge,

No. 21, on brother Jeffrey, was disproportionate to the offences charged against him.

*Resolved*, That the action of Nosahogan Lodge, in the matter of brother J. P. Jeffrey be and is hereby reversed.

After a long debate, the previous question was moved for, and ordered, and the amendment negatived.

Representative Judson then moved the following amendment :  
*Resolved*, That the matters involved in the appeal of brother Joseph P. Jeffrey, be referred back to Nosahogan Lodge, for a revision of its action thereon, in conformity with its laws.

Amendment adopted; report accepted, and resolutions as amended, passed.

Representative Gruman offered the following resolution, which was passed :

*Resolved*, That brother George Gearhart have permission to join Our Brothers Lodge, No. 10, having withdrawn from Wooster Lodge, No. 37, with the consent of Wooster Lodge.

Representative Tolles offered the following resolution which was passed :

*Resolved*, That Article IV. Section 2, of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be so amended as to read, after the word "by" in the fifth line, "one or more brothers."

Representative Heitmann offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That hereafter, no representative to this Grand Lodge shall be entitled to, or receive his pay for traveling expenses in attending the sessions of this Grand Lodge, until after the close of the session, unless by vote of this R. W. Body, the representative be excused from attendance; passed.

*Resolution*, That the several subordinate Lodges in this State, be and are hereby requested to take into consideration the proposed amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, on page 293, of its Journal, establishing only, an annual session of the Grand Lodge, and forward their views of the measure, to this Grand Lodge at its next session; passed.

*Resolution*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure such number of Desks for the use of this Grand Lodge, as may be necessary; passed.

There being sundry other resolutions to the same effect, on the table, they were, on motion indefinitely postponed.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, was proposed, and laid over, according to law :

Addition to Constitution of Grand Lodge—*Resolved*, That all applications for Dispensations be made through the D. D. Grand

**Master**,—recommended by the nearest Lodge; and also, that the petitioners be required to withdraw from the Lodge to which they belong, before making such petition.

JOSIAH C. BANNING, Rep. from No. 23.

LUCIUS H. CLARK, Rep. from No. 30.

The Select Committee on so much of the report of the Grand Master, as relates to Charters for new Lodges, offered the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Charters for new Lodges, beg leave respectfully to

#### REPORT:

That in the matter of Union Lodge, No. 30, and Orion Lodge, No. 43, they are unable to agree, and herewith return to your R. W. Body, the papers placed in their hands.

All which is respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

JOHN GREENWOOD, Jr., } Committee.  
J. M. WILLEY, }

*July Session, 1847.*

Report accepted.

**Resolution**, That a Charter be granted to Orion Lodge, No. 43, after much debate, continued to next Session of Grand Lodge.

**Resolution**, Authorizing Orion Lodge, No. 43, to go on working under the dispensation granted by the Grand Master, till the next Session of the Grand Lodge; passed.

Motion that the officers elect of the Grand Lodge be now installed; passed.

Representative JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., of No. 29, was installed into the office of GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE OF CONNECTICUT, for the current year.

Representative JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, was installed DEPUTY GRAND MASTER, for the current year.

Representative ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9, was installed GRAND WARDEN, for the current year.

Representative LUCIUS G. PECK, of No. 5, was installed GRAND SECRETARY, for the current year.

Representative SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, was installed GRAND TREASURER, for the current year.

The Grand Master announced the appointment of the following officers, viz:

Representative JARED B. FLAGG, of No. 8, to be *Grand Chaplain*.

Representative ETHEL T. FARNAM, of No. 29, to be *Grand Marshal*.

Representative JOHN B. ELDRIDGE, of No. 40, to be *Grand Conductor*.

Representative JASPER H. BOLTON, of No. 32, to be *Grand Guardian*.

The following resolution was offered by P. G. M. Devotion, and unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and the same are hereby tendered to the last Past Officers, for the able and satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their respective duties during the past year.

No farther business being brought forward, the Grand Chaplain addressed the throne of Grace, and the Grand Lodge closed its session in ample form.

LUCIUS G. PECK,  
*Grand Secretary.*

*Abstract of Quarterly returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from January, 1847, to July, 1847, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.*

| LODGES.       | No.        |                   |             |           |            |            |           |           |               |                           |                                      |                            |                                       |                      | Total amount of benefits. |
|---------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
|               | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole Number. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan's Fund. | Whole amount General Fund. | Whole amount Widow and Orphan's Fund. | Dues to G. L. Lodge. |                           |
| Quinnipiac,   | 1 15       | 0 0               | 0 1         | 0 1       | 1 1        | 6 0        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 439           | \$1245.74                 | \$000.00                             | \$2711.83                  | \$2022.23                             | \$15                 | \$738.00                  |
| Charter Oak,  | 2 39       | 4 4               | 3 3         | 0 0       | 3 17       | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 985           | 730.00                    | 162.50                               | 635.85                     | 1136.20                               | 39                   | \$219.00                  |
| Middlesex,    | 3 2        | 0 1               | 0 0         | 0 1       | 4 0        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 73            | 142.85                    | 98.50                                | 132.19                     | 322.81                                | 2                    | 148.00                    |
| Pequanock,    | 4 24       | 2 0               | 9 15        | 1 1       | 0 2        | 254        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 254           | 737.49                    | 132.81                               | 1400.20                    | 1058.01                               | 24                   | 60.00                     |
| Harmony,      | 5 26       | 0 1               | 2 0         | 0 1       | 4 20       | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 250           | 1137.05                   | 85.60                                | 1332.83                    | 761.01                                | 26                   | 622.25                    |
| Ousatonic,    | 6 7        | 0 0               | 0 0         | 0 1       | 3 1        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 150           | 457.13                    | 85.60                                | 720.96                     | 511.56                                | 7                    | 193.50                    |
| Samaritan,*   | 7 7        | 1 1               | 0 0         | 0 0       | 12 1       | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 135           | 216.60                    | 92.63                                | 620.79                     | 566.11                                | 7                    | 219.00                    |
| Mercantile,   | 8 47       | 1 2               | 3 3         | 0 0       | 17 8       | 0 0        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 220           | 877.16                    | 205.21                               | 419.49                     | 557.09                                | 47                   | 65.00                     |
| Thames,       | 9 7        | 0 0               | 0 0         | 0 0       | 1 4        | 0 1        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 255           | 452.75                    | 130.16                               | 642.72                     | 1195.60                               | 7                    | 363.00                    |
| Our Brothers, | 10 38      | 1 0               | 2 0         | 0 0       | 0 0        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 194           | 656.59                    | 107.44                               | 838.52                     | 699.45                                | 38                   | 154.00                    |
| Uncas,        | 11 31      | 0 0               | 6 6         | 0 0       | 6 7        | 0 0        | 0 2       | 0 0       | 333           | 1108.51                   | 152.05                               | 3791.82                    | 1123.91                               | 31                   | 331.00                    |
| Central,      | 12 12      | 1 0               | 3 3         | 0 0       | 3 0        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 193           | 374.89                    | 578.97                               | 578.97                     | 562.08                                | 12                   | 132.00                    |
| Charity,      | 13 5       | 0 0               | 0 0         | 0 1       | 0 1        | 0 0        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 91            | 225.24                    | 54.51                                | 341.03                     | 78.52                                 | 5                    | 78.00                     |
| Wopowage,     | 14 5       | 0 0               | 0 1         | 0 1       | 0 1        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 51            | 111.32                    | 23.09                                | 425.46                     | 88.78                                 | 5                    | 19.00                     |
| Montawese,    | 15 10      | 1 0               | 1 0         | 0 1       | 0 0        | 0 1        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 59            | 301.41                    | 45.36                                | 241.08                     | 120.16                                | 10                   | 107.83                    |
| Washington,   | 16 9       | 2 0               | 0 0         | 0 2       | 2 0        | 0 0        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 94            | 283.19                    | 375.81                               | 375.81                     | 120.16                                | 9                    | 63.00                     |
| Trumbull,     | 17 13      | 0 0               | 0 1         | 1 1       | 2 0        | 0 0        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 110           | 758.04                    | 38.88                                | 448.39                     | 78.62                                 | 13                   | 62.00                     |
| Nathan Hale,  | 18 6       | 0 0               | 0 0         | 0 0       | 3 2        | 0 0        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 87            | 171.81                    | 26.06                                | 413.30                     | 105.22                                | 6                    | 140.71                    |
| Mystic,       | 19 0       | 0 0               | 0 0         | 0 0       | 0 0        | 0 1        | 0 1       | 0 0       | 62            | 32.24                     | 70.40                                | 32.24                      | 67.03                                 | 0                    | 16.00                     |
| Fenwick,      | 20 15      | 1 0               | 0 0         | 0 0       | 0 0        | 0 1        | 0 0       | 0 0       | 62            | 216.81                    | 32.40                                | 150.00                     | 135.00                                | 15                   | 47.00                     |

|                   |     |     |     |    |     |    |   |    |     |          |         |          |          |        |     |    |    |         |        |       |        |         |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|----|---|----|-----|----------|---------|----------|----------|--------|-----|----|----|---------|--------|-------|--------|---------|
| Nashogan,         | 21  | 16  | 0   | 0  | 2   | 5  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 78       | 389.11  | 52.86    | 354.04   | 187.19 | 16  | 14 | 0  | 0       | 156.00 | .00   | .00    | 156.00  |
| Farmers & Mech's, | 22  | 18  | 1   | 1  | 1   | 25 | 1 | 0  | 0   | 96       | 317.97  | 75.49    | 585.68   | 259.95 | 8   | 10 | 0  | 0       | 111.00 | .00   | .00    | 111.00  |
| Acanthus,         | 23  | 12  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 41       | 175.76  | 26.42    | 175.76   | 58.82  | 12  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | 20.00  | 20.00   |
| Ripowam,          | 24  | 35  | 3   | 0  | 0   | 2  | 2 | 0  | 0   | 108      | 505.92  | 78.92    | 362.50   | 197.19 | 35  | 9  | 0  | 0       | 83.00  | .00   | .00    | 83.00   |
| Oakland,†         | 25  | 31  | 0   | 0  | 4   | 4  | 1 | 0  | 0   | 79       | 524.33  | .00      | 62.43    | .00    | 34  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Stonington,       | 26  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 23 | 1 | 0  | 0   | 32       | 134.33  | 14.10    | 32.32    | 27.26  | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0       | 4.00   | .00   | .00    | 4.00    |
| Oweneco,          | 27  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 1  | 1 | 0  | 0   | 64       | 202.03  | 32.65    | 23.19    | 118.89 | 1   | 6  | 0  | 0       | 197.19 | .00   | .00    | 197.19  |
| Hancock,          | 28  | 19  | 2   | 0  | 2   | 5  | 1 | 0  | 0   | 64       | 179.25  | 20.00    | .00      | 20.00  | 19  | 3  | 0  | 0       | 46.00  | .00   | .00    | 46.00   |
| Howard,           | 29  | 3   | 0   | 0  | 0   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 57       | 114.92  | 19.92    | 30.10    | 35.17  | 3   | 5  | 0  | 0       | 37.00  | .00   | .00    | 37.00   |
| Union,            | 30  | 24  | 0   | 0  | 3   | 10 | 1 | 0  | 0   | 49       | 299.14  | 40.74    | 106.61   | 81.49  | 24  | 9  | 0  | 0       | 36.00  | .00   | .00    | 36.00   |
| Olive Branch,     | 31  | 18  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 2  | 0 | 1  | 0   | 48       | 228.07  | 18.00    | 143.28   | 42.50  | 18  | 1  | 0  | 0       | 7.00   | .00   | .00    | 7.00    |
| Nazarene,         | 32  | 18  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 2  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 49       | 221.00  | .00      | 32.84    | 45.35  | 18  | 3  | 0  | 0       | 23.00  | .00   | .00    | 23.00   |
| Freestone,        | 33  | 12  | 0   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 36       | 172.68  | 9.08     | 42.47    | 56.21  | 12  | 5  | 0  | 0       | 19.00  | .00   | .00    | 19.00   |
| Quinebaug,        | 34  | 17  | 1   | 0  | 2   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 46       | 236.65  | .00      | 10.00    | .00    | 17  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Columbian,        | 35  | 61  | 9   | 0  | 2   | 5  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 65       | 634.42  | 55.28    | 293.44   | 55.28  | 61  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| City,             | 36  | 19  | 19  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 38       | 285.64  | 1.00     | .00      | .00    | 19  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Wooster,          | 37  | 15  | 12  | 0  | 2   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 26       | 322.34  | 26.53    | 93.59    | 26.53  | 15  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Tunxis,           | 38  | 42  | 5   | 0  | 1   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 46       | 395.60  | 53.37    | 215.92   | 53.37  | 42  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Pine Meadow,      | 39  | 21  | 6   | 0  | 2   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 27       | 335.64  | .00      | .00      | .00    | 21  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Hyperion,         | 40  | 44  | 25  | 0  | 1   | 3  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 66       | 399.10  | 48.90    | .00      | 48.90  | 44  | 1  | 0  | 0       | 15.00  | .00   | .00    | 15.00   |
| Arcanum,          | 41  | 24  | 19  | 0  | 5   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 43       | 289.17  | 35.07    | 209.97   | 35.07  | 24  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Franklin,         | 42  | 32  | 6   | 0  | 0   | 4  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 34       | 370.32  | 38.41    | 90.42    | 38.41  | 32  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Orion,            | 43  | 18  | 10  | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 28       | 155.96  | 20.38    | .00      | 20.38  | 18  | 1  | 0  | 0       | 4.00   | .00   | .00    | 4.00    |
| Bethel Rock,      | 44  | 15  | 5   | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 20       | 142.86  | 19.38    | .00      | 19.38  | 15  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Thompsonville,    | 45  | 16  | 19  | 0  | 0   | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 35       | 238.00  | .00      | .00      | .00    | 16  | 0  | 0  | 0       | .00    | .00   | .00    | .00     |
| Total,            | 842 | 156 | 105 | 59 | 183 | 66 | 5 | 12 | 405 | 17407.03 | 2070.02 | 16118.13 | 12616.63 | 842    | 321 | 7  | 11 | 4758.23 | 119.95 | 68.27 | 357.00 | 5303.45 |

\* A donation of \$50 to this Lodge from brother P. S. Barnum, has been expended in relieving cases of utter destitution out of the Lodge.

† The report of this Lodge is from March 1846 to July 1847. No report of benefits paid during the term, is given.

Expelled from No. 6, William M. Matthews; cause—habitual intoxication.

Expelled from No. 15, Henry Warriner; cause—adultery.

Expelled from No. 17, Orlando Champlin; cause—fraud, and obtaining the value of money by false pretences. Franklin D. Rogers—fornication.

Expelled from No. 31, Isaac B. Angell; cause—immoral conduct.

## LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name.                   | Where Established.   |             |    | No. | Dist.                | When Instituted.         | Sessions. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----|-----|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
|                         | Post Office.         | County.     |    |     |                      |                          |           |
| QUINPIAC,*              | New Haven,           | New Haven.  | 1  | 1   | September 3d, 1839.  | Every Monday.            |           |
| CHARTER OAK,*           | Hartford,            | Hartford.   | 2  | 2   | April 21st, 1840.    | " Tuesday.               |           |
| MIDDLESEX,*             | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex.  | 3  | 3   | April 22d, 1840.     | First and Third Mondays. |           |
| PEQUANOCK,              | Bridgeport,          | Fairfield.  | 4  | 4   | June 11th, 1841.     | Every Tuesday.           |           |
| HARMONY,                | New Haven,           | "           | 5  | 1   | June 15th, 1841.     | " Tuesday.               |           |
| OSATONIC,               | Derby,               | "           | 6  | 5   | October 13th, 1841.  | " Monday.                |           |
| SAMARITAN,              | Danbury,             | Fairfield.  | 7  | 2   | May 5th, 1842.       | " Wednesday.             |           |
| MERCANTILE,             | Hartford,            | Hartford.   | 8  | 2   | June 13th, 1842.     | " Friday.                |           |
| THAMES,                 | New London,          | New London. | 9  | 7   | September 22d, 1842. | " Monday.                |           |
| OUR BROTHERS,           | Norwalk,             | Fairfield.  | 10 | 8   | October 19th, 1842.  | " Monday.                |           |
| UNCAS,                  | Norwich City,        | New London. | 11 | 9   | March 10th, 1843.    | " Monday.                |           |
| CENTRAL,                | Middletown,          | Middlesex.  | 12 | 10  | June 12th, 1843.     | " Thursday.              |           |
| CHARITY,                | Lower Mystic,        | New London. | 13 | 11  | April 11th, 1844.    | " Wednesday.             |           |
| WOPOWAGE,               | Millford,            | New Haven.  | 14 | 12  | June 19th, 1844.     | " Monday.                |           |
| MONTAWESE,              | New Haven,           | "           | 15 | 1   | January 8th, 1845.   | " Monday.                |           |
| WASHINGTON,             | Willimantic,         | Windham.    | 16 | 13  | December 26th, 1844. | " Wednesday.             |           |
| TRUMBULL,               | New London,          | New London. | 17 | 7   | " 20th, 1844.        | " Wednesday.             |           |
| NATHAN HALE,            | Tolland,             | Tolland.    | 18 | 14  | January 17th, 1845.  | " Wednesday.             |           |
| MYSTIC,                 | Upper Mystic,        | New London. | 19 | 11  | February 27th, 1845. | " Wednesday.             |           |
| FENWICK,                | Essexborough,        | Middlesex.  | 20 | 15  | March 19th, 1845.    | " Thursday.              |           |
| NOSABOGAN,              | Waterbury,           | New Haven.  | 21 | 16  | July 1st, 1845.      | " Wednesday.             |           |
| FARMERS AND MECHANICS*, | Warehouse Point,     | Hartford.   | 22 | 17  | June 12th, 1845.     | " Thursday.              |           |
| ACANTHEUS,              | Granby,              | "           | 23 | 18  | August 20th, 1845.   | " Tuesday.               |           |
| RIPPOWAM,               | Stamford,            | Fairfield.  | 24 | 19  | October 1st, 1845.   | " Wednesday.             |           |
| OAKLAND,                | Oakland,             | Hartford.   | 25 | 20  | October 9th, 1845.   | " Monday.                |           |
| SWANINGTON,             | Swanington,          | New London. | 26 | 11  | Dec. 12th, 1845.     | " Tuesday.               |           |
| OWENICO,                | Greenville,          | "           | 27 | 9   | January 1st, 1846.   | " Monday.                |           |

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------|----------------------|------------------|
| HANCOCK,       | 29 Meriden,        | New Haven.  | 21 March 4th, 1846.  | Every Wednesday. |
| HOWARD,        | 29 Bethel,         | Fairfield.  | 6 March 24th, 1846.  | " Monday.        |
| UNION,         | 30 Winsted,        | Litchfield. | 22 March 27th, 1846. | " Friday.        |
| OLIVE BRANCH,  | 31 Redding,        | Fairfield.  | 23 April —, 1846.    | " Monday.        |
| NASHVILLE,     | 32 Stafford,       | Tolland.    | May 14th, 1846.      | " Thursday.      |
| FREESTONE,     | 33 Portland,       | Middlesex.  | July 15th, 1846.     | " Wednesday.     |
| QUINEBAUG,     | 34 Danielsonville, | Windham.    | Sept. 10th, 1846.    | " Thursday.      |
| COLUMBIAN,     | 35 Litchfield,     | Litchfield. | Dec. 10th, 1846.     | " Wednesday.     |
| CITY,          | 36 New Haven,      | New Haven.  | Dec. 2d, 1846.       | " Wednesday.     |
| WOOSTER,       | 37 New Canaan,     | Fairfield.  | February 22d, 1847.  | " Monday.        |
| TUNXIS,        | 38 Tarrifville,    | Hartford.   | February 22d, 1847.  | " Monday.        |
| PINE MEADOW,   | 39 Windsor Locks,  | "           | February —, 1847.    | "                |
| HYPERION,      | 40 Hartford,       | Fairfield.  | February 3d, 1847.   | " Wednesday.     |
| ARCANUM,       | 41 Bridgeport,     | Litchfield. | February 4th, 1847.  | " Thursday.      |
| FRANKLIN,      | 43 Plymouth,       | "           | March 1, 1847.       | " Monday.        |
| ORION,         | 43 Winsted,        | "           | March 17, 1847.      | " Wednesday.     |
| BETHEL ROCK,   | 44 Woodbury,       | Hartford,   | April 16, 1847.      | " Friday.        |
| THOMPSONVILLE, | 45 Thompsonville,  | Fairfield,  | May 11, 1847.        | " Tuesday.       |
| PILGRIM,       | 46 Ridgefield,     | Hartford,   | June 11, 1847.       | " Friday.        |
| BLOOMFIELD.    | 47 Bloomfield.     | Hartford,   | June 15, 1847.       | " Tuesday.       |

\* Original charters from Grand Lodge of United States.





## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

## OFFICERS FOR 1847.

|                            |                                 |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| M. W. JOHN GREENWOOD, JR., | <i>Grand Master.</i>            |
| R. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY     | <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>     |
| R. W. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN,   | <i>Grand Warden.</i>            |
| R. W. LUCIUS G. PECK,      | <i>Grand Secretary.</i>         |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,       | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>         |
| R. W. PRELATE DEMICK,      | } <i>Grand Representatives.</i> |
| R. W. EZRA CLARK, JR.,     |                                 |
| W. JARED B. FLAGG,         | <i>Grand Chaplain.</i>          |
| W. ETHEL T. FARNAM,        | <i>Grand Marshal.</i>           |
| W. JOHN B. ELDRIDGE,       | <i>Grand Conductor.</i>         |
| W. JASPER H. BOLTON,       | <i>Grand Guardian.</i>          |

## PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FREDERICK CROSWELL,  
JAMES B. GILMAN,  
CHARLES W. BRADLEY,  
SHELDON BASSETT,  
JOHN L. DEVOTION,  
HENRY L. MILLER,  
PELATE DEMICK.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

SO FAR AS APPOINTED.

| District.     | No.    | D. D. Grand Master.   | No.           |
|---------------|--------|-----------------------|---------------|
| New Haven,    | No. 1, | Samuel Tolles,        | 1, 5, 15, 36. |
| Hartford,     | " 2,   | Joseph Pratt, Jr.,    | 2, 8, 40.     |
| Bridgeport,   | " 4,   | George S. Sanford,    | 4, 41.        |
| Derby,        | " 5,   | Sydney Alling,        | 6.            |
| Danbury,      | " 6,   | William W. Bedient,   | 7, 29.        |
| New London,   | " 7,   | Grand Warden,         | 9, 17.        |
| Norwalk,      | " 8,   | George W. Smith,      | 10.           |
| Norwich,      | " 9,   | James D. Mowrey,      | 11, 27.       |
| Middletown,   | " 10,  | Townsend P. Abell,    | 12.           |
| Milford,      | " 12,  | John N. Buckingham,   | 14.           |
| Saybrook,     | " 15,  | John G. Hayden,       | 20.           |
| East Windsor, | " 17,  | Joseph Olmsted, Jr.,  | 22.           |
| Stamford,     | " 19,  | Samuel Lockwood, Jr., | 24.           |
| Manchester,   | " 20,  | Hiram L. Moulton,     | 25.           |
| Meriden,      | " 21,  | Ira N. Yale,          | 28.           |
| Winchester,   | " 22,  | William H. Cowdrey,   | 30, 43.       |
| Reading,      | " 23,  | Henry H. Munroe,      | 31.           |
| Stafford,     | " 24,  | Carlos Prouty,        | 32.           |
| Killingly,    | " 25,  | Abiel Converse,       | 34.           |
| New Canaan,   | " 27,  | Egbert Mead,          | 37.           |
| Woodbury,     | " 30,  | Silas Chapin,         | 44.           |

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

M. A. Shepard, R. E. Hitchcock, George S. Sanford,  
T. C. Hollis, Jared B. Flag.

*Committee on Finance.*

William L. Brewer, D. S. Law, Charles A. Saunders.

*Committee on Stationery and Printing.*

L. G. Peck, Cornelius Wildman, L. B. Allyn.

*Committee on Grievances.*

|                      |        |                    |         |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|---------|
| Eliphalet G. Storer, | No. 1, | H. A. Barrows,     | No. 11, |
| Edward Button,       | " 2,   | James S. Parmelee, | " 12,   |
| H. G. Loomis,        | " 3,   | Alonzo Williams,   | " 13,   |
| G. B. Ambler,        | " 4,   | F. C. Dayton,      | " 14,   |
| Samuel Tolles,       | " 5,   | Luther P. Bradley, | " 15,   |
| Horatio N. Hawkins,  | " 6,   | William L. King,   | " 16,   |
| S. G. Raymond,       | " 7,   | W. J. Gray,        | " 17,   |
| William B. Ely,      | " 8,   | H. Underwood,      | " 18,   |
| Jesse Rich,          | " 9,   | William Cram,      | " 19,   |
| G. W. Smith,         | " 10,  | John G. Hayden,    | " 20,   |

|                    |         |                   |         |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| E. S. Clark,       | No. 21, | _____             | No. 35, |
| R. M. Abbe,        | " 22,   | Joel B. Foot,     | " 36,   |
| Chester Seymour,   | " 23,   | Egbert Mead,      | " 37,   |
| R. H. Lockwood,    | " 24,   | _____             | " 38,   |
| Melancthon Hudson, | " 25,   | J. S. Rice,       | " 39,   |
| Charles H. Smith,  | " 26,   | John B. Eldridge, | " 40,   |
| _____              | " 27,   | Ira Morse,        | " 41,   |
| I. N. Yale,        | " 28,   | Andrew Terry,     | " 42,   |
| W. A. Judd,        | " 29,   | S. R. Miller,     | " 43,   |
| Lucius H. Clarke,  | " 30,   | Silas Chapin,     | " 44,   |
| Joel B. Ferguson,  | " 31,   | G. C. Owen,       | " 45,   |
| Carlos Prouty,     | " 32,   | _____             | " 46,   |
| Alfred Hall,       | " 33,   | _____             | " 47,   |
| Elisha Frissell,   | " 34,   | _____             |         |

## MEMBERS.

## QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Samuel Bishop, Nov. 24, 1840.         | Newell C. Hall, Jan. 11, 1844.      |
| Wm. E. Vibbert,* Nov. 24, 1840.       | Ralph Warren, July 11, 1844.        |
| Thomas J. Stafford, April 8, 1841.    | Alexander O. Coburn, July 11, 1844. |
| Robinson S. Hinman,† April 8, 1841.   | Charles K. Brown, Jan. 8, 1845.     |
| Adrian C. Heitmann, July 8, 1841.     | Daniel H. Moore, July 8, 1845.      |
| William H. Ellis, Oct. 14, 1841.      | George N. Seagrave, July 9, 1845.   |
| John G. Hotchkiss,† Jan. 13, 1842.    | Samuel B. Gorham, Sept. 12, 1845.   |
| Lucius A. Thomas, April 14, 1842.     | Walter Osborn, Jan. 14, 1846.       |
| Jonas B. Bowditch, July 14, 1842.     | William Goodwin, Jan. 14, 1846.     |
| Benjamin R. Hitchcock, Oct. 27, 1842. | Frederick P. Gorham, July 8, 1846.  |
| William A. Goodwin, January 12, 1843. | Cornelius Wildman, July 8, 1846.    |
| Issac Judson, April 20, 1843.         | Eliphalet G. Storer, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Prelate Demick, July 13, 1843.        | Samuel H. Harris, Jan. 13, 1847.    |
| Charles Ball, Jan. 11, 1844.          | D. M. Burwell, July 15, 1847.       |

## CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.

|                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| James B. Gilman, November 24, 1840.   | Edward Button, Jan. 8, 1845.     |
| John Moore, January 14, 1841.         | Thomas H. Seymour, July 9, 1845. |
| Nathan M. Waterman, April 8, 1841.    | Timothy Sheldon, July 9, 1845.   |
| James B. Shultas, October 14, 1841.   | Mason Smith, July 9, 1845.       |
| Benjamin F. Folger, October 14, 1841. | Joseph W. Hale, Jan. 14, 1846.   |
| Guy R. Phelps, January 13, 1842.      | Joseph Pratt, Jr., July 8, 1846. |
| Henry H. Dickinson, October 18, 1842. | S. H. Havens, July 8, 1846.      |
| Joel Pratt, 3d,† April 20, 1843.      | W. H. Sweetland, Jan. 13, 1847.  |
| E. C. Kellogg, January 11, 1844.      | Rawson Reed, Jan. 13, 1847.      |
| Henry Hastings, July 11, 1844.        | James M. Stedman, July 15, 1847. |

\* Suspended.

† Deceased.

## MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

John C. Palmer, November 24, 1840.  
 Richard S. Pratt, April 8, 1841.  
 Charles W. Bradley, July 8, 1841.  
 Porter H. Snow, October 18, 1842.  
 William W. Kingsley, Jan. 12, 1843.  
 Thomas C. Boardman, April 20, 1843.

Luther Boardman, April 20, 1843.  
 Francis M. Palmer, January 14, 1846.  
 Daniel Cone, January 14, 1846.  
 George E. Goodspeed, July 15, 1847.  
 W. B. Dickenson, July 15, 1847.  
 H. G. Loomis, July 15, 1847.

## PEQUANOCK LODGE, No. 4.

George Walter, January 13, 1842.  
 Gilson Landon, April 14, 1842.  
 John M. Wilson, October 18, 1842.  
 Samuel B. Brittan, October 18, 1842.  
 Eliphalet B. Stevens, October 18, 1842.  
 Joseph Crosby, January 12, 1843.  
 Frederick Griffith, April 20, 1843.  
 William L. Watson, January 11, 1844.  
 Ammon Williams, January 11, 1844.  
 Edward Hamilton, July 11, 1844.

William S. Atkinson, July 11, 1844.  
 Benjamin H. Mills, January 8, 1845.  
 John W. Wilmot, January 8, 1845.  
 Benajah Mallory, July 9, 1845.  
 Jared B. Collins, July 9, 1845.  
 Asher M. Ruggles, July 8, 1846.  
 Charles N. Booth, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 George B. Ambler, July 15, 1847.  
 George S. Sanford, July 15, 1847.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

J. W. Newell, J.,\* October 14, 1841.  
 Joseph G. Anthony, January 13, 1842.  
 Samuel O. Merwin,† October 1842.  
 Dennis Carrington,\* October 18, 1842.  
 Clark Beach, January 11, 1844.  
 Stephen Lawton, January 11, 1844.  
 John A. Parmelee, July 11, 1844.  
 Louis L. Beecher, January 8, 1845.

Jobamah Gunn, January 8, 1845.  
 Lucius G. Peck, July 9, 1845.  
 William H. Stanley, July 9, 1845.  
 George Lines, January 14, 1846.  
 Samuel Tolles, July 8, 1846.  
 Ira Merwin, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 A. J. Riggs, January 13, 1847.

## OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

Sheldon Bassett, April 14, 1842.  
 Robert Gates, Jr., July 20, 1842.  
 Robert R. Wood, April 20, 1843.  
 James Kneringer, January 11, 1844.  
 Simeon Tomlinson, January 11, 1844.  
 Lewis Hotchkiss, July 11, 1844.  
 Horatio N. Hawkins, July 11, 1844.  
 Ely Burritt, July 11, 1844.

Sydney Alling, July 11, 1844.  
 William N. Priestly, July 9, 1845.  
 George Bristol, July 9, 1845.  
 Charles Smith, January 14, 1846.  
 Matthew Donnelly, January 14, 1846.  
 J. R. Sperry, July 15, 1847.  
 John Lindley, July 15, 1847.

## SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

Stephen A. Hurlbut, April 20, 1843.  
 William W. Bedient, July 13, 1844.  
 John L. Ambler, January 11, 1844.  
 David P. Nichols, July 9, 1845.

Alexander Lane, July 9, 1845.  
 William F. Hoyt, January 14, 1846.  
 James P. Saunders, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 Samuel G. Raymond, July 15, 1847.

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† Withdrawn.

## MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

Rowland A. Robbins, April 20, 1843.  
 Ezra Clark, Jr., July, 11, 1844.  
 James A. Ayrault, January 8, 1845.  
 William B. Ely, July 9, 1845.  
 James C. Walkley, July 9, 1845.  
 Abel N. Clark, July 9, 1845.

John W. Danforth, July 9, 1845.  
 Benjamin Stevens, July 8, 1846.  
 Thomas Martin, July 8, 1846.  
 L. B. Allyn, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 R. G. Drake, July 15, 1847

## THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

Jesse Rich, April 20, 1843.  
 Allen S. Wightman, July 13, 1843.  
 Augustus C. Seaman, January 11, 1844.  
 Orrin F. Smith, January 11, 1844.  
 Charles E. Hewitt, July 11, 1844.  
 Henry Champlain, July 11, 1844.  
 Henry Stayner, January 8, 1845.

George W. Brown, July 9, 1845.  
 Samuel Barry, January 14, 1845.  
 Thomas J. Greenwood, July 8, 1846.  
 Walter Edwards, January 13, 1847.  
 J. K. Corthell, July 15, 1847.  
 Robert B. Jackson, July 15, 1847.  
 R. J. Kimball, July 16, 1847.

## OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

David H. Plumb, April 20, 1843.  
 Asa E. Smith, July 13, 1843.  
 Cholwell J. Gruman, January 11, 1844.  
 Stephen Olmsted, January 11, 1844.  
 Samuel R. Bunting, January 11, 1844.  
 Asa Hill, July 11, 1844.  
 Richard S. Bucknam, July 11, 1844.  
 Eli Curtiss, January 8, 1845.

James A. Quintard, January 8, 1845.  
 Samuel W. Chamberlin, July 9, 1845.  
 Samuel H. Bailey, July 9, 1845.  
 Levi Clarke, January 14, 1846.  
 George Randle, January 14, 1846.  
 Henry W. Smith, July 8, 1846.  
 Peter L. Cunningham, July 8, 1846.  
 George W. Smith, July 15, 1847.

## UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

John L. Devotion, July 13, 1843.  
 Edward W. Eells, January 11, 1844.  
 James D. Mowry, January 11, 1844.  
 Charles A. Converse, July 11, 1844.  
 Philo M. Judson, January 8, 1845.  
 William C. Potter, January 8, 1845.

David Young, July 9, 1845.  
 William L. Brewer, September 12, 1845.  
 H. A. Barrows, July 8, 1846.  
 H. W. Benchly, July 8, 1846.  
 William Faulkner, January 13, 1847.  
 James A. Hovey, July 15, 1847.

## CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

Stephen M. Shaddick, January 11, 1844.  
 Erastus H. Booth, January 11, 1844.  
 Origen Utley, July 11, 1844.  
 Frederick Brewer, January 8, 1845.  
 Aaron G. Pease, July 9, 1845.  
 Langdon C. Hubbard, July 9, 1845.

James S. Parmelee, July 9, 1845.  
 T. P. Abell, July 8, 1846.  
 Elijah Beach, July 8, 1846.  
 Dennis Sage, January 13, 1847.  
 William B. Carey, July 15, 1847.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

William Meeker, July 11, 1844.  
 Albert G. Wolf, July 8, 1846.  
 Alonzo Williams, July 8, 1846.

Grove G. King, July 8, 1846.  
 Amos Clift, July 15, 1847.

## WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14.

Benjamin P. Bush, January 8, 1845.  
 John N. Buckingham, January 8, 1845.  
 George Cornwall, 2d, July 9, 1845.  
 F. C. Dayton, January 14, 1846.

Benjamin D. Wells, July 8, 1846.  
 Lydenham Gait, January 13, 1847.  
 William Bush, January 13, 1847.  
 Horace Brown, July 13, 1847.

## MONTAWESE LODGE, No. 15.

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| Frederick Crosswell, November 24, 1840. | James Lindergreen, † July 8, 1846.     |
| Henry H. Jewett, July 9, 1845.          | James H. Carrington, July 8, 1846.     |
| Truman Hart, July 9, 1845.              | Charles A. Saunders, January 13, 1847. |
| Smith Collins, July 9, 1845.            | William J. Flagg, January 13, 1847.    |
| William E. Sanford, September 12, 1845. | Samuel Daskam, July 15, 1847.          |
| Luther P. Bradley, January 14, 1846.    |                                        |

## WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 16.

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|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Lloyd E. Baldwin, July 9, 1845.        | Joshua B. Lord, January 13, 1847. |
| John S. R. Benchley, January 13, 1847. | William L. King, July 13, 1847.   |

## TRUMBULL LODGE, No. 17.

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| Cyrus C. Hughes, July 9, 1845.  | H. A. Latimer, July 8, 1846.       |
| William S. Noyes, July 9, 1845. | E. B. H. Prince, January 13, 1847. |
| J. N. Harris, July 9, 1847.     | F. M. Walker, January 13, 1847.    |
| William Mercer, July 8, 1846.   | William J. Gray, July 15, 1847.    |

## NATHAN HALE LODGE, No. 18.

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| Henry F. Gardner, July 9, 1845.      | Reuben Allen, July 8, 1846.        |
| Solomon L. Griggs, January 14, 1846. | Elijah W. Smith, January 13, 1847. |
| William W. Brace, January 14, 1846.  | Henry Underwood, July 15, 1847.    |
| Calvin Kilbourn, July 8, 1846.       |                                    |

## MYSTIC LODGE, No. 19.

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| L. F. Smith, July 9, 1845.         | George D. Hyde, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert Saunders, January 14, 1846. | William Crum, July 15, 1847.  |

## FENWICK LODGE, No. 20.

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Junius M. Willey, July 9, 1845.  | James H. Pratt, July 8, 1846.     |
| Nathan Pratt, January 14, 1846.  | John G. Hayden, January 13, 1847. |
| John S. Dickenson, July 8, 1846. | George K. Stillman, July 1847.    |

## NOSAHOOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| William M. Pemberton, Jan. 14, 1846.  | Edward L. Clarke, January 13, 1847. |
| Chas. U. C. Burton, January 14, 1846. | Meritt Lane, July 15, 1847.         |
| David S. Law, July 8, 1846.           | George W. Benedict, July 15, 1847.  |
| R. E. Hitchcock, January 13, 1847.    |                                     |

## FARMERS AND MECHANICS LODGE, No. 22.

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bezaleel Sexton, January 14, 1846.    | R. M. Abbe, January 13, 1847. |
| William J. Whipple, January 14, 1846. | Philip Tucker, July 15, 1847. |
| Joseph Olmstead, July 8, 1846.        | C. A. Lord, July 15, 1847.    |
| Lodowick Weller, January 13, 1847.    |                               |

## ACANTHUS LODGE, No. 23.

|                                  |                                |
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| Josiah C. Banning, July 8, 1846. | Chester Seymour, July 8, 1846. |
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**RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24.**

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Benjamin B. Hallock, Jan. 14, 1846. | Samuel Lockwood, January 13, 1847. |
| William H. Buxton, Jan. 14, 1846.   | Wm. T. Minor, January 13, 1847.    |
| Lorenzo Meeker, July 8, 1846.       | Robert H. Lockwood, July 15, 1847. |
| Joseph D. Warren, July 8, 1846.     |                                    |

**OAKLAND LODGE, No. 25.**

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| Melancthon Hudson, January 14, 1845. | P. D. Perry, July 15, 1847.    |
| Henry W. Hudson, July 8, 1846.       | John S. Dobson, July 15, 1847. |
| H. C. Woodbridge, July 15, 1847.     | H. L. Moulton, July 15, 1847.  |

**STONINGTON LODGE, No. 26.**

|                                     |                                  |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Russell H. Dennison, Jan. 13, 1847. | Charles H. Smith, July 15, 1847. |
| Billings Wheeler, July 15, 1847.    |                                  |

**OWENECO LODGE, No. 27.**

|                                    |                                      |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| John B. Thayer, January 13, 1847.  | Robinson G. Northrop, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Rowland H. Gardner, Jan. 13, 1847. |                                      |

**HANCOCK LODGE, No. 28.**

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| Ira N. Yale, July 15, 1847. | John S. Blake, July 1847. |
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**HOWARD LODGE, No. 29.**

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|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| John Greenwood, Jr., July 11, 1844. | Wm. A. Judd, January 14, 1847.     |
| Ethel T. Farnam, July 9, 1845.      | Munson A. Shepherd, July 15, 1847. |
| A. C. Shepard, July 8, 1846.        |                                    |

**UNION LODGE, No. 30.**

|                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| John H. Mills, July 8, 1846.    | William A. Cowdry, July 15, 1847. |
| Lucius H. Clark, Jan. 13, 1847. | Richard Spencer, July 15, 1847.   |

**OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 31.**

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|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| John H. Dart, July 8, 1846.      | Henry H. Munroe, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Joel B. Ferguson, Jan. 13, 1847. |                                 |

**NAZARENE LODGE, No. 32.**

|                                     |                               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Moses B. Harvey, January 13, 1847.  | Carlos Prouty, July 15, 1847. |
| Jasper H. Bolton, January 13, 1847. |                               |

**FREESTONE LODGE, No. 33.**

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| Alfred Hall, July 8, 1846. |  |
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**QUINNEBAUG LODGE, No. 34.**

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| Abiel Converse, January 13, 1847. | Elisha Frissell, July 15, 1847. |
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**CITY LODGE, No. 36.**

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| Thomas C. Hollis, July 14, 1842.  | Andrew L. Brown, July 11, 1844.       |
| Noah Chandler, January 12, 1843.  | William N. Clayton, January 14, 1846. |
| Robert H. Starr, April 20, 1843.  | Theodore Werner, January 13, 1847.    |
| John C. Hayden, January 11, 1844. | Joel B. Foot, July 15, 1847.          |



**WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37.**

Egbert Mead, July 15, 1847. |

**PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39.**

Josiah S. Rice, July 15, 1847. |

**HYPERION LODGE, No. 40.**

John W. Johnson, Jan. 11, 1844.

H. L. Miller, January 11, 1844.

A. M. Gordon, July 11, 1844.

| Edson Fessenden, January 8, 1845.

| Jared B. Flagg, January 13, 1847.

| John B. Eldridge, July 15, 1847.

**ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41.**

Ira Morse, July 15, 1847.

| S. R. Miller, July 15, 1847.

**FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 42.**

Andrew Terry, 15, 1847. |

**ORION LODGE, No. 43.**

John H. Mills, July 8, 1846. |

**BETHEL ROCK LODGE, No. 44.**

Silas Chapin, July 15, 1847. |

**THOMPSONVILLE LODGE, No. 45.**

George C. Owen, July 15, 1847. |

## SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Conn., }  
New Haven, Wednesday, January 12, 1848. }

IN accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, assembled this day at 2 o'clock, P. M., in Semi-Annual Session; and after prayer by the Rev. and Worthy Grand Chaplain, was opened in due form.

## PRESENT ;

R. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, *Deputy Grand Master*.  
R. W. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9, *Grand Warden*.  
R. W. LUCIUS G. PECK, of No. 5, *Grand Secretary*.  
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, *Grand Treasurer*.  
R. W. PRELATE DEMICK, of No. 1, *Grand Representative*.  
R. W. EZRA CLARK, JR., of No. 8, *Grand Representative*.  
W. JARED B. FLAGG, of No. 40, *Grand Conductor*.  
W. JASPER H. BOLTON, of No. 32, *Grand Guardian*.

Also, REPRESENTATIVES from FORTY-SIX Lodges.

The Deputy Grand Master appointed Representative C. J. GRUMAN, of No. 10, Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*, and Representative J. W. JOHNSON, of No. 40, Grand Conductor, *pro tem.*

Past Grand Master Henry L. Miller, of No. 8, and Representative Whipple, of No. 22, were appointed to fill vacancies in the Committee on Election Returns, in place of Representative Devotion, of No. 11, and Representative Lockwood, of No. 24, who were absent.

On motion, the reading of the Journal of last Session was dispensed with.

The Committee on Election Returns made the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.*

The Committee on Elections ask leave to

REPORT:

That they have attended to their duty, in part, and respectfully report, as present, and duly qualified for seats in this Grand Lodge, the following Representatives:

- No. 1,—John S. Rice.
- No. 2,—John Hatfield, William Boardman.
- No. 3,—M. E. Bailey, F. A. Robert.
- No. 4,—Ezra Kelsey.
- No. 5,—John B. Adriance.
- No. 6,—Charles C. Jackson.
- No. 8,—A. C. Goodman.
- No. 9,—Lewis D. Allyn.
- No. 10,—Thos. P. Butler, E. S. Quintard.
- No. 12,—Wm. B. Casey.
- No. 14,—Elias Clark, John Burns, Jr., Harris Hitchcock.
- No. 15,—E. H. Imley.
- No. 17,—Louis Bristol.
- No. 18,—Charles Underwood.
- No. 20,—Alpheus Spencer.
- No. 24,—Chauncey Ayers.
- No. 26,—Staunton Sheffield.
- No. 27,—Charles Crowley.
- No. 28,—William H. Treat.
- No. 30,—Seth L. Wilder.
- No. 35,—Francis Bacon, Samuel O. Meafoy.
- No. 36,—Russell W. Norton.
- No. 37,—James Patison.
- No. 40,—John M. Riggs.
- No. 41,—Mumford Butts.
- No. 42,—Elisha Johnson.
- No. 43,—Wm. S. Philips, D. A. Barclay.
- No. 46,—James Scott, 2d.
- No. 47,—Hiram B. Case.
- No. 48,—Alphonso Barnes.
- No. 49,—Edward W. Gilman.
- No 51,—A. P. P. Camp.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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| HENRY L. MILLER, | } Committee. |
| A. S. WIGHTMAN,  |              |
| W. J. WHIPPLE.   |              |

The following report from the M. W. GRAND MASTER, was read :

*Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :*

The return of another semi-annual session, and the assembling of the Representatives, makes it necessary for the Grand Master to communicate to them information of what, in his official character, he has performed, since the last session of this Grand Lodge.

In making this semi-annual Report, it affords me great pleasure, in being able to congratulate you, that under the dispensation of an All Wise and gracious Providence, our beloved institution has been permitted to continue in its usefulness. Not only within the limits of our own State, but from almost every quarter, the most cheering intelligence has been received, of the high estimation in which our order is held by our fellow citizens, and increasing prosperity still appears to crown every effort made in our noble cause.

It will be remembered by the Representatives, that at the last session, a charter was granted to five brothers for a Lodge to be located in the town of Bristol, County of Hartford, to be known and hailed by the name and title of Pequabock Lodge, No. 48.

A few days after the adjournment, I received a letter from the petitioning brothers, setting forth that they were in readiness to be instituted, and were desirous of commencing their "work" immediately. Accordingly, on Monday, the third day of August, assisted by Past Grands Law, Bryan and Clark, of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, W. A. Judd of Howard Lodge, No. 29. L. H. Clark and Richard Spencer of Union Lodge, No. 30, A. Terry of No. 40, and a large number of officers and members of the afore-said Lodges, whose aid upon the occasion was most efficient, I instituted Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, in accordance with the rules and usages of the order. Upon this occasion, twelve highly respectable candidates were initiated into our mysteries; upon whom at the next meeting, I had the pleasure of conferring the five subordinant Degrees. The officers elected were Alphonso Barnes, N. G., E. L. Dunbar, V. G., A. T. Robinson, Sec., and Leverett G. Case, Treasurer; who were installed into their respective chairs, in ample form. Although I have twice written to the N. G. of this Lodge, for a report regarding its progress, that I might state the same to this Grand Lodge, yet I have received no answer, but from information furnished me by a visiting brother, I have much pleasure in saying that I believe the interest of the order in that section to be in safe hands, and the members in every respect worthy of the high trust reposed in them.

It will also be remembered, that at the last session of this Grand Lodge, a Charter was granted for a Lodge to be located at the village of Rock-

ville, in the town of Vernon, County of Tolland, to be known and hailed as Siloam Lodge, No 49, and therefore immediately after the adjournment, I forwarded to R. W. Deputy Grand Master Willey, a Dispensation empowering him, as Special Deputy, to open and constitute said Lodge deliver to them their Charter, Charge and Degree Books, install their officers, and confer their Degrees. This duty the Deputy Grand Master informs me he performed on the fourth day of October, with the aid and assistance of Past Grand Marshall J. W. Johnson, of No. 40; D. D. Grand Master Moulton, of No. 25; and several other Past Grand's and members of Nathan Hale, Farmers & Mechanics, Oakland and Hyperion Lodges. I have the pleasure to inform you, that this new Lodge bids fair to become a flourishing and efficient branch of the order.

On the 21st day of August, I received a petition in due form from Donald J. Warner, Jonathan T. Norton, William E. Moore, Samuel W. Elliott and George E. Benedict, residents of the town of Salisbury, County of Litchfield, for a Lodge to be located at that place. Accompanying this petition were sundry resolutions, *unanimously* passed at regular meetings of Union Lodge, at Winsted, and Columbian Lodge, at Litchfield, fully approving of the granting of the Dispensation, and recommending the petitioners as worthy brothers. After having duly considered the application myself, and referred the subject to the Executive Council, I decided to grant the request of the petitioners, and issue a Dispensation subject to your approval, and on Wednesday the 22nd day of September, I proceeded to the town of Salisbury, where with the assistance of Past Grand Spencer of Union Lodge No. 30, and other officers and members of Union and Columbian Lodge, I instituted Toccunnuc Lodge, No. 50, installed its officers and delivered all the books and papers necessary to its complete organization; on this interesting occasion, sixteen gentlemen were impressively initiated, upon eleven of whom I conferred the five degrees that evening. The officers chosen are as follows: Donald J. Warner N. G., W. W. Moore, V. G., William Elliott, R. Secretary, Jonathan T. Norton, Treasurer, and George W. Benedict Permanent Secretary.

On the 28th day of September, I received a petition, signed by A. P. P. Camp, Merrit Treat, Burritt Tuttle, H. B. Richards, A. G. Bradford and Edward J. Porter, asking for a Dispensation to open and constitute a Lodge in the village of Wolcottville, town of Torrington, County of Litchfield, to be known and called by the name of *Naw Kaw* Lodge, No. 51. As the petition was in due form and accompanied by the charter fee, and as the petitioners were strongly recommended by the officers and members of Columbian Lodge, No. 35 at, Litchfield, as among the most worthy, estimable and influential person in the community, the executive council concurred

with me in the opinion that a Dispensation, subject to your approval, ought to be issued. Consequently on the 24th day of September, I repaired to the village of Wolcottville, for the purpose of instituting their Lodge. I found the brothers had hired an elegant Hall, which they had fitted up in a style of unsurpassed neatness and beauty, and although much larger than most of our country Lodge Rooms, I was delighted to see it filled to excess, with members from neighboring and distant Lodges, who had assembled to witness the interesting ceremony of Institution, and assisting the officers at their first initiation.

A. P. P. Camp, was chosen N. G., H. B. Richards, V. G., A. G. Bradford, Secretary, Burritt Tuttle, Treasurer, and Merritt Treat, Perm. Secretary. The officers elect, then requested the elective and appointed officers of Columbian Lodge, at Litchfield who were *all* present, to take the respective chairs of Nau Kaw Lodge, and preside during the ceremony of initiation, which was accordingly done; twelve gentlemen being received into membership—upon whom, that evening, assisted by D. D. Grand Master's Cowdry and Chapin, P. G.'s Law, Mills and Clark, and N. G.'s Bacon, of No. 35, and Judson, of No. 44, I had the pleasure of conferring the five Degrees.

This Lodge, I have the pleasure to inform you is now in successful operation, notwithstanding the strenuous efforts to the contrary of *those* from whom, as professed followers of him who went about doing good, and who as *teachers* of the Holy Religion of the Gospel, we ought to expect better things.

I respectfully recommend that charters be granted to the above named Lodges, in place of the Dispensations they now hold, fully satisfied, that so long as the keeping of the order is intrusted to such hands, it will "pass under no evil imputation nor suffer reproach."

On the 4th day of August, accompanied by Grand Marshall E. T. Farnam, and P. G. Munson, A. Shepard, of No. 29, I made an official visit to Samaritan Lodge, at Danbury. This Lodge I found in successful operation; good feeling and harmony exists among the brotherhood, and although the accession of member is not large, yet the members are resolved, that they will have none but of the right character.

On the 28th day of August, accompanied by P. G. A. C. Shepard, of Howard Lodge, No. 29, as Grand Marshall, *pro. tem.* I made an official visit to Olive Branch Lodge, No. 31, at Redding. We were very kindly received by the brothers, and happy to find, that although this Lodge, yet in its infancy, is located in a section where strong prejudice exists against secret societies, it is in a highly prosperous condition. While the worthy members of this Lodge have been grievously assailed by the enemies of

Odd Fellowship, and efforts made to involve them in controversy, and defeat their usefulness, *they* have moved on quietly, doing their duty, with the "Olive Branch" of peace in their hands, relieving the wants and sufferings of the distressed around them, regardless of the noise and contentions of those without.

On the 23d day of September I made an official visit to Columbian Lodge, No. 35, at Litchfield. I found this flourishing subordinate enjoying a season of great prosperity, which may be chiefly attributed to its great care in the selection of proper officers, and the strict punctuality of members in attendance upon the regular, special, and *degree meetings* of the Lodge. Each member seemed determined to make his Lodge a "light in the world," and consequently all took a deep interest in whatever subject was brought before it; and I should act unjustly did I not express my entire satisfaction, and return my sincere thanks for the workmanlike manner in which the various duties were performed by the very efficient officers of No. 35. Francis Bacon, Esq., is the N. G. of this Lodge, and his services in the cause of Odd Fellowship cannot be too highly appreciated. At this time I conferred the Past Official Degrees appertaining to the office of Secretary, Vice Grand and Noble Grand, upon brother Lemuel O. Meafoy, and that of Past Secretary upon brother Philip Wells.

On the 30th day of September, I made an official visit to Howard Lodge, No. 29, at Bethel. This Lodge was instituted in March, 1846, and now numbers nearly seventy members. It is in possession of a new hall, tastefully decorated, and its members the most respectable and influential in the village. Although additions to its ranks have been few for the past six months, yet it is in a safe and healthy condition.

My engagements have been such as to prevent my doing that which I fondly anticipated when I entered upon the duties of Grand Master, namely, to visit all the subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, in order to give them instruction in the unwritten work of the Order. This instruction, Representatives, I consider invaluable; and as the Grand Lodge of the U. S., at its last convocation, adopted a resolution recommending the different State Grand Lodges to appoint one or more competent persons, whose duty it should be to visit the subordinates under their jurisdiction, to impart such information, I would respectfully ask of you to consider this subject, and, if you deem it advisable, clothe some competent person with power and authority to perform this important work; then the great irregularity which now exists in the work of many of our subordinates would be removed, and uniformity and sameness be insured throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

There are also other subjects acted upon at the last session of the Grand

Lodge of the United States, which may require some action from this Right Worthy Body.

During the recess of the Grand Lodge I have been frequently called upon to give my opinion upon various laws of the Order, and to define the meaning of parts of our constitution, laws, &c.; various appeals have also been made to me from the decisions of Lodges, and District Deputy Grand Masters. In every instance I have been particularly careful to give my opinion in accordance with what I conceived to be the true meaning and spirit of our laws. It is possible, however, that in some instances I may have erred in my decisions, for the numerous communications I have frequently received at one time, and all calling for immediate answers, rendered it impossible, sometimes, for me to give to all the different subjects that careful examination which their importance required.

The Digest of Laws, as prepared by the Committee, and adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, will prove of invaluable service to subordinate Lodges, as it will enable them to decide at once upon almost every question that may come before them, without the necessity and trouble of appealing to the Grand Master. I sincerely hope that not only subordinates will possess copies of this work, but that the Digest may find its way into the hands of every member of the Order, and receive from them careful perusal which its merits so justly entitle it to. Then it cannot fail of enlightening minds upon laws and questions which have heretofore been a dead letter.

On the 10th day of August I received a communication from Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, at Derby, asking my official opinion upon the correctness of a decision recently given by D. D. G. Master Sydney Alling, the circumstances of which were as follows:—A candidate for membership was balloted for and rejected, and a committee appointed to notify him of the result, and return his proposition fee. At the next meeting a new ballot was called for, which call the N. G. decided to be out of order. The D. D. G. Master being appealed to, decided as follows, "That as every petition for membership must be accompanied by the proposition fee, no petition can be legally and properly before the Lodge for action in the absence of such proposition fee, and as the candidate in question has been duly notified of his rejection, and his proposition fee returned, he cannot receive any other ballot: if a second ballot had been desired, notice to that effect should have been given on the night the candidate was rejected; but now his rejection has been consummated by the return of the proposition fee." To which I replied in substance, as follows: "That as Article II. Section 2, of the Constitution for subordinates provides, that 'every candidate shall be entitled to three separate ballots,' &c., 'all of which shall

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be taken within six weeks,' &c., Ousatonic Lodge had no power to prevent the candidate in question from receiving three ballots, as guaranteed to him by the Constitution, provided any member demanded them during the time specified by the Constitution. The absence of the proposition fee in such case, I did not conceive operated against the candidate."

On the day of I received a communication from Samaritan Lodge, at Danbury, in which the following case was set forth and my opinion asked upon the decision of D. D. Grand Master W. W. Bedient. A candidate was balloted for and declared by the N. G., rejected. The same evening the case was again called up, and proof presented, that one of the members who voted, did so illegally, not being clad in his proper regalia. There being but three *black* balls in the ballot box, and the presumption being that the brother in question cast one of them, a *second* ballot was called for, which call was decided out of order by the N. G., who declared the candidate duly elected. The D. D. Grand Master, being applied to, decided that the proper course to have pursued, was for the N. G. to order another ballot. In this opinion I acquiesced fully, especially after having heard the entire particulars of the case.

With these, I understand, there will also be presented to you other appeals from my decisions, and of their correctness or incorrectness I must cheerfully leave with the wisdom of this Grand Lodge to decide.

Among the unfinished business of last session laid over until this, is the question of the expediency of granting a charter to Orion Lodge, at Winsted. The whole facts in relation to the case will at this time be submitted to you. The brothers of Orion Lodge will present to you, as they have privately to me, strong reasons why they *should* receive from the hands of this Right Worthy Body, a charter in lieu of the dispensation under which they now work, while on the other hand, the worthy members of Union Lodge will present claims why the charter should *not* be granted, and will attempt to show you that two Lodges in so small a village as Winsted, cannot be sustained. It will be for you to hear the testimony of both parties, and decide as in your judgment the interests of the order demands.

A very important proposition was submitted at the annual session in July last, and upon which you will at this time be called to act; I refer to the amendment of the Constitution, proposing annual sessions alone, and the abolishing of the semi-annual sessions. The Grand Secretary informs me that very few Lodges have responded to the call, requesting them to take into consideration the proposed amendment, and forward to the Grand Lodge their views of this important measure. From what I have learned, however, from subordinates, I believe the feeling to be generally in favor of

the proposed amendment becoming a law. This subject may very properly occupy a high place in your deliberation.

The proposed amendment to the 5th Sec. of Article IV. of the Constitution, will also demand your consideration, and I cannot but express the hope, that if the amendment as proposed at the last session should *not* meet your views, you will without delay devise some means and enact a law whereby the duties of the Grievance Committee may be performed by a less number than the present Constitution requires.

The committee raised at the last session on blank form for Charters, will be ready, I am informed, to submit to you their report.

*Representatives*.—At the last session, through your kindness and partiality, I was elevated to the high and responsible office of Grand Master. Since I have been a member of this Right Worthy Body, you have repeatedly honored me with distinguished offices, and for the many manifestations of personal regard to me, I now entertain, and shall ever cherish sentiments of the most profound gratitude; I entered upon the duties incumbent upon me, at the close of the last session with many mis-givings; but I was resolved to do my utmost in furtherance of the great cause of human benefaction, and I hoped, that although I might not advance the interests of the order to any great extent, I should at least do nothing to retard its progress.

Circumstances beyond my power to control, have rendered it necessary for me to leave, for a time, the State of Connecticut, and while I would cheerfully retain the office, and gladly perform its various duties, as far as is in my power, yet I feel that as the temporary absence of the Grand Master must effect the prosperity of the Subordinates under his charge, it would not be advisable for me to retain any longer the trust reposed in me six short months since.

I therefore, Representatives, most respectfully surrender my appointment, and ask that my successor be forthwith elected.

JOHN GREENWOOD, JR.,

*Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.*

On motion, the report of the M. W. Grand Master was referred to a special committee of three, to apportion the same among the proper committees: Representatives Johnson, of No. 40, Hawkins, of No. 6, and Stillman, of No. 20, were appointed such committee.

Representatives L. A. Thomas, of No. 1, and Baldwin, of

No. 16, were appointed to fill vacancies occasioned by the absence of Representatives Hitchcock, of No. 21, and Sanford, of No. 4, on the Committee on the State of the Order.

Representatives Sheldon, of No. 2, and Wilson, of No. 4, were appointed to fill vacancies in the Committee on Finance, occasioned by the absence of Representatives Brewer, of No. 11, and Law, of No. 21.

On motion, the Roll of Lodges was called, and vacancies occasioned by absence or otherwise, in the Committee on Grievances, were filled, so that the Committee stood as follows, viz :

- Lodge No. 1, Eliphalet G. Storer.
- “ No. 2, Wm. Boardman.
- “ No. 3, H. G. Loomis.
- “ No. 4, Israel Kelsey.
- “ No. 5, Samuel Tolles.
- “ No. 6, Horatio N. Hawkins.
- “ No. 7, W. W. Bedient.
- “ No. 8, A. C. Goodman.
- “ No. 9, L. D. Allyn.
- “ No. 10, Eli S. Quintard.
- “ No. 11, H. A. Barrows.
- “ No. 12, James S. Parmelee.
- “ No. 13, Alonzo Williams.
- “ No. 14, John Burns, Jr.
- “ No. 15, W. E. Sanford.
- “ No. 16, William L. King.
- “ No. 17, W. J. Gray.
- “ No. 18, Charles Underwood.
- “ No. 19, William Crum.
- “ No. 20, Alpheus S. Spencer.
- “ No. 21, — — —.\*
- “ No. 22, R. M. Abbe.
- “ No. 23, — — —.\*
- “ No. 24, R. H. Lockwood.

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- “ No. 25, — — —.\*  
“ No. 26, S. Sheffield.  
“ No. 27, Charles Crowley.  
“ No. 28, William H. Treat.  
“ No. 29, — — —.\*  
“ No. 30, Seth L. Wilder.  
“ No. 31, H. H. Munroe.  
“ No. 32, Carlos Prouty.  
“ No. 33, — — —.\*  
“ No. 34, — — —.\*  
“ No. 35, Francis Bacon.  
“ No. 36, Joel B. Foot.  
“ No. 37, James Patterson.  
“ No. 38, — — —.\*  
“ No. 39, J. S. Rice.  
“ No. 40, John M. Riggs.  
“ No. 41, Mumford Butts.  
“ No. 42, Elisha Johnson.  
“ No. 43, S. R. Miller.  
“ No. 44, — — —.\*  
“ No. 45, G. C. Owen.  
“ No. 46, James Scott, 2d.  
“ No. 47, Hiram D. Case.  
“ No. 48, A. Barnes.  
“ No. 49, E. W. Gilman.  
“ No. 50, — — —.\*  
“ No. 51, A. P. P. Camp.

On motion of Representative Gruman, the following resolution was passed.

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Grievance be instructed by this Grand Lodge, to appoint a sub-committee of seven members, to transact the business of the same, so that we can have the assistance of the balance of the committee in the Grand Lodge.

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\* Not Represented.

The petition of the Vice Grand of Arcanum Lodge, was read and referred to committee on the State of the Order.

The committee to whom was referred the Grand Master's report to apportion the same among committees, made the following report, which was read and accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Conn.*

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Master, to select such portions thereof as they deemed necessary for the action of this Grand Lodge, would respectfully

#### REPORT:

That they deem the following matters embodied therein, of sufficient interest to receive the action of this Grand Lodge, and would recommend that Committees be raised on the following subjects, viz.:

Upon so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to the *Digest of the Laws of the Order*.

Upon so much as relates to the *Balloting for a candidate in the absence of a proposition fee*.

Upon so much as relates to *Samaritan Lodge, Danbury*.

Upon so much as relates to *Orion Lodge, Winsted*.

Upon so much as relates to *abolishing Semi-Annual Sessions*.

Upon so much as relates to the *number and duties of the Grievance Committee*.

Upon so much as relates to the *resignation of the M. W. GRAND MASTER*.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JOHN W. JOHNSON,  
H. N. HAWKINS,  
GEORGE K. STILLMAN. } Committee.

The Deputy Grand Master, in pursuance of the foregoing Report, appointed the following Committees, viz.:

Upon so much as relates to *digest of the laws of the Order*,—R. W. Grand Representative Demick, of No. 1, and Representatives Mills, of No. 43, and Tucker, of No. 22.

Upon so much as relates to *Samaritan Lodge, Danbury*,—Representatives Heitmann, of No. 1, Abbe, of No. 22, and Parmelee, of No. 12.

Upon so much as relates to *balloting for a candidate in the absence of the proposition fee*,—Past Grand Master Croswell,

of No. 15, Representatives Bacon, of No. 35, and Owen, of No. 45.

Upon so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to *charters for new Lodges*,—Past Grand Master Miller, of No. 40, Representatives Utley, of No. 12, and Sheffield, of No. 26.

Upon so much as relates to *Orion Lodge, Winsted*,—Representatives Storer, of No. 1, Bristol, of No. 17, and Loomis, of No. 3.

Upon so much as relates to *abolishing the semi-annual sessions*,—Representatives Gruman, of No. 10, Abell, of No. 12, and Pratt, of No. 2.

Upon so much as relates to *the number and duties of the Grievance Committee*,—Representative Thomas, of No. 1, R. W. Grand Representative Clark, of No. 8, and Representative Cowdry, of No. 30.

Upon so much as relates to *the resignation of the M. W. Grand Master*,—Grand Warden Wightman, of No. 9, Representatives Ellis, of No. 1, and Shephard, of No. 29.

The appeal of brother Johnson Hayes from the decision of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, was read and referred to Committee on Grievance.

Appeal of brother Silas Frink, read and referred to same Committee.

Petitions of sundry brothers for a Lodge to be located in New Britain. Also, for a Lodge to be located in East Hartford. Also for a Lodge to be located in Broadbrook, East Windsor. Read and referred to Committee on New Lodges.

Votes of Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, disapproving, and of Mercantile Lodge, No. 8, approving of such an alteration of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge as to establish Annual Sessions, read and referred to the Committee on so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to that subject.

The petition of brother Jos. P. Jeffrey, complaining of the

action of Nosahogan Lodge, and asking to be reinstated therein, read and referred to Committee on Grievance.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Lodge came to order.

A letter from Nosahogan Lodge, concerning the action of the Grand Lodge, on the petition of brother Jos. P. Jeffrey, was read and referred to Committee on Grievance.

The Committee on Election Returns made a further report, which was accepted.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the returns from the Subordinates, have attended to the duty, and would respectfully

REPORT :

That the reports of Lodges Nos. 1, 3, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 20, 22, 25, 27, 31, 32, 37, 38, 39, 43, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 4, 6, 9, 11, 17, 24, 28, 36, 41, 42, 44, are correct ; Nos. 2, 21, 26, 35, have errors in their tables of members ; No. 30 incorrect in commission due the Grand Lodge ; No. 50 is erroneous in admission by card, number of propositions, amount due Grand Lodge, and is deficient in seal. Also, that no reports have been received from Nos. 12, 13, 16, 19, 23, 29, 33, 34, and 40.

M. A SHEPARD,
L. A. THOMAS,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN, } Committee.

Motion to reconsider the vote appointing a Committee on difficulties between Orion and Union Lodges, passed.

Motion to refer all matters relating to Orion Lodge, to a special committee, negatived.

Resolution that a Charter be granted to Orion Lodge, No. 43, passed.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, as relates to Annual Sessions of the Grand Lodge of the State, made the following report, which was accepted and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as related to the abolition of the Semi-Annual Session of this Grand Body, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to

REPORT.

That, in their best judgment, the change contemplated could not well have any other than an adverse bearing upon the interests of the Order throughout this jurisdiction; and therefore recommend that no action be had on the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHOLWELL J. GRUMAN, }
TOWNSEND P. ABELL, } *Committee.*

The following report was accepted and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The special Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That the decision of the M. W. Grand Master, as well as the D. D. Grand Master, was correct and ought to be sustained by this Right Worthy Body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. HEITMANN, }
R. M. ABBE, } *Committee.*
JAMES S. PARMELEE.

Representative Heitmann offered the following resolution, which after some debate was laid on the table, it being admitted that the principle expressed in the resolution was the law as now existing.

Resolved, That hereafter the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, shall not notify each other of the suspensions of brothers of their respective Lodges, when the cause of said suspensions is only for non-payment of dues.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was read and accepted.

The Committee on New Lodges, offered the following report which was read.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The Committee on New Lodges respectfully

REPORT :

That they have had before them the petitions of brothers residing in the village of New Britain, town of Berlin, and of brothers residing in the town of East Hartford, asking for charters in those places respectively, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, That Charters be and they are hereby granted to brothers in New Britain, under the style and title of Phoenix Lodge, No. —, and to brothers in East Hartford, under the style and title of ——— Lodge, No. —.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER, }
O. UTLEY, } *Committee.*
S. SHEFFIELD. }

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

The Committee on New Lodges offered the following report, which was also accepted and the resolution accompanying the same passed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The Committee on New Lodges respectfully

REPORT :

That they have given their attention to that part of the Grand Master's report which refers to granting Charters to Tucconnuc Lodge, No. 50, located at Salisbury, and Naw Kaw Lodge, No. 51, located at the village of Wolcottville, in the town of Torrington, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER, }
O. UTLEY, } *Committee.*
S. SHEFFIELD, }

Resolved, That Charters be and they are hereby granted to members of Tucconnuc Lodge, No. 50, located at Salisbury, and Naw Kaw Lodge, No. 51, located at the village of Wolcottville, town of Torrington.

The Committee on Finance offered the following report,

which was accepted, and the rates of mileage therein mentioned adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The undersigned Committee on Finance, would recommend that the mileage of new Lodges be as follows, to wit :

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| Pequabock, No. 48, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | \$5.75 |
| Siloam, No. 49, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 5.75 |
| Tucconnuc, No. 50, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 7.50 |
| Naw Kaw, No. 51, | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6.75 |

All of which is respectfully submitted by

CHARLES A. SAUNDERS, }
TIMOTHY SHELDON, } *Committee.*

The remonstrance of Thompsonville Lodge against allowing Pine Meadow Lodge to initiate candidates from the town of Suffield, was read and referred to Committee on new Lodges.

Representative Thomas offered the following resolutions, which were passed :

Resolved, That the Constitution of this Grand Lodge be amended so as to conform to the laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as set forth in the Digest.

Resolved, That a Committee of three be appointed to compare the Constitution of this Grand Lodge with the Digest, and report the necessary alterations at the next session.

The Grand Master appointed Representatives Thomas, Crosswell and Peck, a committee under the foregoing resolutions.

Representative T. P. Abell offered the following resolution, which was passed.

Resolved, That we view with satisfaction the establishment of a weekly periodical devoted to the interests of Odd Fellowship in this State ; and therefore recommend, with great cheerfulness and sincerity, the "CONNECTICUT ODD FELLOW" to the encouragement and patronage of the brotherhood in this commonwealth.

Resolution to dispose of old desks and procure a number of

new ones equal to the number of Standing Committees. Indefinitely postponed.

Resolution that the numbers now on the desks be obliterated, and that the desks be used in common. Passed.

The Committee on so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to decreasing the number of the Grievance Committee, made the following report, which was accepted, and the amendment, which is as follows, adopted.

"The Committee on Grievance shall be composed of nine members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master, and approved by the Grand Lodge."

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to the Grievance Committee, respectfully

REPORT :

That they recommend the adoption of the amendment to Article IV, Section 5, proposed at the last Session, page 321.

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| L. A. THOMAS, | } Committee. |
| W. H. COWDREY, | |
| EZRA CLARK, Jr. | |

The Committee on Grievance presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the appeal of brother Johnson Hayes from the decision of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, refusing to grant him a benefit, have had the case under consideration, and are of opinion that brother Hayes was entitled to the benefit he applied for ; the Committee submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, be directed to pay brother Johnson Hayes thirteen week benefits, and that the Grand Secretary forward an attested copy of this resolution to said Lodge.

By order of the Committee.

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

X The report was accepted, and the resolution passed. The decision of the Grand Lodge involves this principle: when it is claimed that a brother was unwell or afflicted with any disease at the time he joined the Order, this cannot be made an

excuse to refuse him benefits, but the remedy must be by preferring charges against the brother for deception or fraud in obtaining admission to his Lodge.

The following amendment proposed at last session, was called up and passed :

Resolved, That Article II., Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out, in the first line, "in the month of June," and insert "prior to the second Wednesday in July."

Resolution that the Grand Secretary be authorized to procure two hundred copies of the Digest of the Laws and Usages of the Order, adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States ; and that the same shall be furnished to Lodges in this State, at 37½ cents a piece. Passed.

The Committee on Grievance offered the following report, which was accepted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph P. Jeffery, to be reinstated in Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, respectfully recommend that the petition be continued to the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge, to be held in July next.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman*.

Resolution inquiring into the expediency of preventing the multiplication of Subordinate Lodges in limited Districts. Referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

Grand Lodge came to order.

Representative Boardman of No. 2, presented the following resolution, which, after some debate, was passed :

Resolved, That no subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction

X of this Grand Lodge, shall hereafter refuse benefits to its members, alledging as a reason therefor, that brothers were not in sound health when they joined the Order, unless fraud or deceit is charged and proved in procuring admission into the Order.

The Committee on so much of the Report of the Grand Master as relates to his resignation, make the following Report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the M. W. Grand Master as relates to the resignation of that officer, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have given to the matter referred to them all the attention that its important nature seems to require, and on such consideration unanimously recommend that the resignation be not accepted.

The services of our R. W. Grand Master in the cause of our beloved Order cannot be too highly appreciated by each friend of its interests, and it would be a matter of unfeigned regret, that we should at this time be deprived of those services except for the most imperative reasons. The only cause suggested by the Grand Master for his resignation arises from the fact, that he is at present residing *temporarily* in the City of New York. The probable length of that absence is not stated—it may be for a short period only, and from the phraseology of the Report, such would seem to be its true import. He is at all events quite as accessible at the place of his present domicil as in that of his former residence, and should his presence be at any time required in this State, we cannot doubt his readiness at once to comply with any request of that import.

For these reasons, and deeply sensible of the great loss that our Order would sustain in being deprived of the services of an officer so important, and whose zeal in our cause and efficiency in the discharge of his duties has contributed so extensively to its present high degree of prosperity, we respectfully recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. S. WIGHTMAN, }
THOS. C. HOLLIS, } Committee.

Resolved, That the resignation by our Most Worthy Grand Master of the office he now holds, be not accepted by this Grand Lodge.

Report accepted, and resolution passed unanimously.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred a resolution on the subject "*of the multiplication of Subordinate Lodges in limited districts,*" respectfully

REPORT :

That they have considered the subject, and in view of the difficulties which have arisen by chartering new Lodges in small towns where Lodges had already been established, they recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

L. A. THOMAS,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN, } Committee.
THOS. C. HOLLIS,

Resolved, That hereafter a second Lodge shall not be established in any town containing less than six hundred voters, without the consent of the Lodge already established.

Resolution amended so as to read eight hundred, and as amended passed. Report accepted.

Resolution against publishing the cause of expulsion. Indefinitely postponed.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother Silas Frink from the decision of Washington Lodge refusing him a benefit, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was re-committed the appeal of brother Frink of Washington Lodge, No. 16, for the facts in the case would respectfully refer the Grand Lodge to the statement made under oath by brothers Bennett and Otis, which is herewith submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

On motion the whole matter was referred back to Washington Lodge.

The case brought up by this appeal involved the same principle as that of brother Johnson Hayes from Pequannock Lodge.

The Committee to whom was referred the petition of the V. G. of Arcanum Lodge, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee of the State of the Order, to whom was referred the ap-

plication of D. D. Grand Master Geo. S. Sanford for a working book, in place of one destroyed by fire, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have inquired into the circumstances of the loss and find that the V. G. of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, having just been installed, took home with him the book as he was entitled to, for the purpose of committing to memory that portion of the work appertaining to his office ; he secured it properly from observation, and it was destroyed without any fault or carelessness on his part. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

M. A. SHEPARD,
L. A. THOMAS,
LLOYD E. BALDWIN, } Committee.

Resolved, That D. D. Grand Master Sanford be supplied with a working book for the use of Arcanum Lodge, No 41, in place of the one destroyed.

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

Resolution that Subordinate Lodges be permitted to exercise their discretion when notifying the Lodges (in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge) of the expulsion and suspension of members, whether they will state in such notification the crime or fault for which such members were expelled or suspended. Laid on the table.

The Committee on New Lodges made the following report, which was accepted, and resolution passed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on New Lodges respectfully

REPORT :

That they have before them the petition of B. Phelps and others, of Broadbrook, town of East Windsor, for a charter for a subordinate Lodge to be located in that village. and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY L. MILLER,
O. UTLEY,
S. SHEFFIELD, } Committee.

Resolved, That a charter for a Subordinate Lodge be and is hereby granted to B. Phelps and others, residents of Broadbrook, town of East Windsor, to be located in that village, to be known and called by the style and title of Protection Lodge, No. —.

Same committee made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on new Lodges respectfully

REPORT :

That they have considered the petition of Pine Meadow Lodge which was continued from the last session, asking that the town of Suffield be united with the town of Windsor as one District; and also the remonstrance of Thompsonville Lodge against the same, and would state, that in their opinion it is not expedient to take any action on the subject, as the Representative of Pine Meadow Lodge believes that that Lodge would not *now* desire it. They, therefore, recommend that the petition and remonstrance be placed on file, and the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. L. MILLER,
O. UTLEY,
S. SHEFFIELD, } *Committee.*

Report accepted.

Motion to reconsider the vote granting a charter to Orion Lodge, rejected.

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Master as relates to Ousatonic Lodge, made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The undersigned Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to a decision in the case of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, respectfully

REPORT :

That upon inquiry they find it is the usual custom in Ousatonic Lodge to return the proposition fee to the candidate, upon his rejection by the first ballot; that in the particular case referred to, the proposer of the candidate was not present when the ballot was taken, but upon the rejection of the proposition, the usual course was taken; and that the proposer tacitly consented to it afterwards: They are therefore of opinion, that the decision of D. D. Grand Master Sidney Alling was correct. They at the same time consider the action of Ousatonic Lodge in returning the fee and declaring the candidate rejected after *one ballot only*, irregular, and in order to pre-

vent the recurrence of such questions hereafter, recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

FRED. CROSWELL, }
FRANCIS BACON, } Committee.
GEORGE C. OWEN, }

X *Resolved*, That no candidate for initiation shall be declared rejected until after three ballots shall have been taken, or until the expiration of the term provided by the constitution, unless by the request or with the consent of the proposer.

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the By-Laws of various subordinate Lodges, respectfully

REPORT :

That the short period allowed them during the session of the Grand Lodge is insufficient to enable the Committee to examine them with the care which the subject demands, and more especially as they need comparison as well with the Digest as by the laws and decisions of this Grand Body. They therefore ask to be allowed to examine them during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and report at the next session.

M. A. SHEPARD, }
L. A. THOMAS, } Committee.
GEO. S. SANFORD, }

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be allowed to examine the by-laws of subordinates during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and report at the next session.

Resolved, That each subordinate Lodge be directed to send to the Grand Secretary a copy of their by-laws, with all amendments up to the present time, together with a copy of their seal.

Report accepted, and resolution passed.

Resolution authorizing the committee appointed for that purpose to cause a suitable plate for charters for Subordinate Lodges to be procured for this Grand Lodge.

The following amendment proposed at last session, was called up and passed :

Resolved, That the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge be amended, by striking out Sections 18 and 22, and inserting—

18. The Funeral Badge, to be worn by members of this Order, at the funeral of brothers of the Order in this State, shall be that prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, viz. : "A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast ; above it, a sprig of evergreen, and below it, (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer,) the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. The *Mourning Badge* to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, shall be a strip of black crape, passed through one button hole only of the left lappel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon, of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained."

Representative Heitman offered the following resolution, which was passed :

Resolved, That it is not the intention of this Grand Lodge that *pro. tem.* officers should be paid for traveling expenses.

Representative Miller offered the following resolution :

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the United States have recommended that each State Grand Lodge appoint a suitable agent to visit the Subordinate Lodges in their respective jurisdictions, and instruct members in the work of the Order.

And *Whereas*, The Most Worthy Grand Master is absent from the State, and expects to remain absent for some months, therefore be it

Resolved, That the R. W. D. Grand Master J. M. Willey be, and he is hereby, authorized to visit the Subordinate Lodges in this State, and instruct them in the work of the Order, at his discretion, and to exercise a general supervision of the interests of the Order in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master.

Resolution, that when a Past Grand is clothed in a scarlet

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member's regalia, he is not improperly clothed, and that the N. G. cannot prevent his speaking or voting in a Subordinate Lodge. Indefinitely postponed.

No further business being introduced, the Grand Chaplain addressed the Throne of Grace, and the Grand Lodge closed its semi-annual session in due form.

LUCIUS G. PECK, *Grand Secretary.*

Dr. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Conn., in account with S. Bishop, Grand Treasurer. Cr.

| 1847 | 1848 | | |
|---|----------|---|------------|
| 16 July To Cash paid Grand Representatives, - | 235 50 | July 15 By balance from old account, - - - | 156 60 |
| " " " J. M. Willey, - - - | 10 00 | Aug 9 " cash received from Grand Secretary, - | 1,095 50 |
| " " " J. Greenwood, Jr., - - - | 6 00 | | |
| " " " T. P. Abell, - - - | 5 00 | | |
| " " " E. Fessenden, - - - | 5 00 | | |
| " " " C. J. Gruman, - - - | 5 50 | | |
| " " " P. M. Judson, - - - | 9 00 | | |
| " " " H. L. Miller, - - - | 5 00 | | |
| " " " E. Button, - - - | 16 00 | | |
| " " " J. H. Mills, - - - | 18 50 | | |
| " " " J. L. Devotion, - - - | 14 50 | | |
| " " " Crowell & Jewett, - - - | 49 09 | | |
| " " " Wm. H. Stanley, - - - | 77 12 | | |
| " " " J. Greenwood, Jr., - - - | 13 47 | | |
| " " " P. Demick, - - - | 18 25 | | |
| " " " S. L. Ford, - - - | 5 25 | | |
| " " " Harmony Lodge, - - - | 15 00 | | |
| " " " L. G. Peck, - - - | 94 75 | | |
| 23 Sept " Grand Rep. Demick, - - - | 50 00 | | |
| 26 Nov " Grand Rep. Clark, - - - | 50 00 | | |
| | \$702 93 | | |
| | | Cash on hand, - - - | \$1,252 10 |
| | | Twenty Shares Temple Stock, cost - - - | 702 93 |
| | | Cash in Savings Bank, - - - | 543 17 |
| | | | 300 00 |
| | | | 481 42 |
| | | Total funds of the Lodge, \$1,330 59 | |

We have examined the above and find it correct,

CHARLES A. SAUNDERS, }
JOHN M. WILSON, } Finance Comtee.
TIMOTHY SHEDON. }

Abstract of Quarterly returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from July, 1847, to January, 1848, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.

| LODGES. | Number. | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Wid. and Orphan's Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund. | Whole amount of Wid. and Orphan's Fund. | Due to G. Lodge. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. Fam. reliev. | Brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. | Amount for Wid. owed Families. | Am't paid for education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total amount paid for benefits. |
|-------------------|---------|------------|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Quinnipiac, | 1 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 439 | \$1030.96 | | \$2668.96 | \$2047.80 | 6 | 48 | 1 | \$870.25 | \$870.25 | | | | \$870.25 |
| Charter Oak, | 2 | 31 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 299 | 995.00 | 28.12 | 131.03 | 350.93 | 31 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 162.00 | | | 30.00 | 192.00 |
| Middlesex, | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 75 | 2 | 148.26 | 213.96 | 1296.00 | 1000.70 | 9 | 25 | 3 | 4 | 560.00 | \$103.00 | | 90.00 | 753.00 |
| Pequanock, | 4 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 4 | 238 | 4 | 927.86 | 51.50 | 1570.08 | 800.70 | 21 | 23 | 2 | 2 | 425.00 | | | 60.00 | 485.00 |
| Harmony, | 5 | 21 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 269 | 2 | 1253.19 | 72.61 | 747.72 | 570.77 | 5 | 10 | 3 | 1 | 112.00 | 45.00 | | 30.00 | 187.00 |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 152 | 1 | 349.47 | 127.00 | 434.25 | 698.32 | 12 | 13 | 1 | 2 | 319.82 | 20.00 | | 30.00 | 369.82 |
| Samaritan, | 7 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 145 | 2 | 351.80 | 92.68 | 596.53 | 670.10 | 9 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 165.00 | 15.00 | | 30.00 | 210.00 |
| Mercantile, | 8 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 221 | 1 | 586.82 | 137.70 | 637.92 | 1295.60 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 217.00 | | | | 217.00 |
| Thames, | 9 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 266 | 1 | 443.94 | 92.68 | 637.92 | 1295.60 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 217.00 | | | | 217.00 |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 197 | 1 | 391.07 | 137.70 | 976.57 | 837.15 | 9 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 221.00 | 74.00 | 50.00 | 35.00 | 256.00 |
| Uncas, | 11 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 335 | 3 | 698.06 | 136.00 | 3900.51 | 1148.37 | 5 | 15 | 5 | 3 | 224.00 | | | 65.00 | 363.00 |
| Central, | 12 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 203 | 2 | 477.32 | 103.67 | 733.56 | 690.16 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 127.00 | 30.00 | | | 177.00 |
| Charity, | 13 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 91 | 1 | 126.48 | 27.27 | 420.56 | 73.00 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 12.00 | | | 30.00 | 42.00 |
| Wopovage, | 14 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 57 | 1 | 165.49 | 28.97 | 472.01 | 139.50 | 7 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 25.00 | | | | 55.00 |
| Montwase, | 15 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 63 | 1 | 256.55 | 28.97 | 339.84 | | 6 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 8.00 | | | | 8.00 |
| Washington, | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Trumbull, | 17 | 6 | | | | | | | | 115 | 203.03 | 31.05 | 501.53 | 109.67 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 56.00 | | | | 56.00 |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | 2 | | | | | | | | 56 | 112.80 | 40.52 | 450.64 | 145.74 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 92.87 | | | | 92.87 |
| Mysic, | 19 | | | | | | | | | 29 | 16.00 | 59.88 | | 74.56 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fenwick, | 20 | 4 | | | | | | | | 63 | 133.24 | 26.71 | 70.00 | 157.88 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 201.62 | | | 30.00 | 231.62 |
| Nosahogan, | 21 | 2 | | | | | | | | 79 | 275.87 | 32.09 | 539.62 | 213.28 | 2 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 83.00 | | | | 83.00 |
| Farmers & Mech's, | 22 | 14 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 2 | | | 98 | 313.24 | 43.13 | 738.50 | 303.56 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 128.00 | | | | 128.00 |
| Acanthus, | 23 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rippowam, | 24 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 118 | 307.95 | 49.78 | 403.17 | 246.97 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 106.00 | | | | 106.00 |

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name. | No. | Where Established. | | Dist. | When Instituted. | Sessions. |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Post Office. | County. | | | |
| Quinnipiac,* | 1 | New Haven, | New Haven, | 1 | September 3d, 1839, | Every Monday. |
| Charter Oak,* | 2 | Hartford. | Hartford, | 2 | April 21st, 1840, | " Tuesday. |
| Middlesex,* | 3 | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex, | 4 | April 22d, 1840, | First and Third Mondays. |
| Pequanock, | 4 | Bridgeport, | Fairfield, | 1 | June 11th, 1841, | Every Tuesday. |
| Harmony, | 5 | New Haven, | New Haven, | 5 | June 15th, 1841, | " Tuesday. |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | Derby, | " | 6 | October 13th, 1841, | " Monday. |
| Samaritan, | 7 | Danbury, | Fairfield, | 2 | May 5th, 1842, | " Wednesday. |
| Mercantile, | 8 | Hartford, | Hartford, | 9 | June 13th, 1842, | " Friday. |
| Thames, | 9 | New London, | New London, | 7 | September 22d, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | Norwalk, | Fairfield, | 8 | October 19th, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Uncas, | 11 | Norwich City, | New London, | 9 | March 10th, 1843, | " Monday. |
| Central, | 12 | Middletown, | Middlesex, | 10 | June 12th, 1843, | " Thursday. |
| Charity, | 13 | Lower Mystic, | New London, | 11 | April 11th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Wopowage, | 14 | Milford, | New Haven, | 12 | June 19th, 1844, | " Monday. |
| Montawese, | 15 | New Haven, | " | 1 | January 8th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Washington, | 16 | Willimantic, | Windham, | 13 | December 26th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Trumbull, | 17 | New London, | New London, | 7 | " 20th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | Tolland. | Tolland, | 14 | January 17th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Mystic, | 19 | Upper Mystic, | New London, | 11 | February 27th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Fenwick, | 20 | Essexborough, | Middlesex, | 15 | March 19th, 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Nosabogan, | 21 | Waterbury, | New Haven, | 16 | July 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Farmers and Mechanics,* | 22 | Warehouse Point, | Hartford, | 17 | June 12th 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Acanthus, | 23 | Granby, | " | 18 | August 20th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |
| Rippowam, | 24 | Stamford, | Fairfield, | 19 | October 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Oakland, | 25 | Oakland, | Hartford, | 20 | October 9th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Stonington, | 26 | Stonington, | New London, | 11 | Dec. 12th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |
| Oweneco, | 27 | Greenville, | " | 9 | January 1st, 1846. | " Monday. |

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|----------------|----|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Hancock, | 28 | Meriden, | New Haven, | 21 | March 4th, 1846, | Every Wednesday. |
| Howard, | 29 | Bethel, | Fairfield, | 6 | March 24th, 1846, | " Monday. |
| Union, | 30 | Winsted, | Litchfield, | 22 | March 27th, 1846, | " Friday. |
| Olive Branch, | 31 | Redding, | Fairfield, | 23 | April —, 1846, | " Monday. |
| Nazarene, | 32 | Stafford, | Tolland, | May 14th, 1846, | " Thursday. | " Thursday. |
| Freestone, | 33 | Portland, | Middlesex, | July 15th, 1846, | " Wednesday. | " Wednesday. |
| Quinebaug, | 34 | Danielsonville, | Windham, | Sept. 10th, 1846, | " Thursday. | " Thursday. |
| Columbian, | 35 | Litchfield, | Litchfield, | Dec. 10th, 1846, | " Wednesday. | " Wednesday. |
| City, | 36 | New Haven, | New Haven, | Dec. 2d, 1846, | " Monday. | " Monday. |
| Wooster, | 37 | New Canaan, | Fairfield, | February 22d, 1847, | " Monday. | " Monday. |
| Tunxis, | 38 | Tariffville, | Hartford, | February 22d, 1847, | " Monday. | " Monday. |
| Pine Meadow, | 39 | Windeor Locks, | " | February —, 1847, | " Wednesday. | " Wednesday. |
| Hyperion, | 40 | Hartford, | " | February 3d, 1847, | " Thursday. | " Thursday. |
| Arcanum, | 41 | Bridgeport, | Fairfield, | February 4th, 1847, | " Monday. | " Monday. |
| Franklin, | 42 | Plymouth, | Litchfield, | March 1, 1847, | " Wednesday. | " Wednesday. |
| Orion, | 43 | Winsted, | " | March 17, 1847, | " Friday. | " Friday. |
| Bethel Rock, | 44 | Woodbury, | " | April 16, 1847, | " Tuesday. | " Tuesday. |
| Thompsonville, | 45 | Thompsonville, | Hartford, | May 11, 1847, | " Friday. | " Friday. |
| Flugrin, | 46 | Ridgefield, | Fairfield, | June 11, 1847, | " Tuesday. | " Tuesday. |
| La Fayette, | 47 | Bloomfield, | Hartford, | June 15, 1847, | " Tuesday. | " Tuesday. |
| Pequeabock, | 48 | Bristol, | " | " | " Monday, | " Monday. |
| Siloam, | 49 | Vernon, | Tolland, | " | " Wednesday. | " Wednesday. |
| Tuconnuc, | 50 | Salisbury, | Litchfield, | " | " | " |
| New Kaw, | 51 | Wolcottville, | " | " | " | " |

* Original charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

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OFFICERS FOR 1848.

|                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| M. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY,   | <i>Grand Master.</i>        |
| R. W. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN,  | <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. GEORGE S. SANFORD,  | <i>Grand Warden.</i>        |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary.</i>     |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP,      | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i>     |
| W. LLOYD E. BALDWIN,      | <i>Grand Marshall.</i>      |
| W. CHARLES H. SMITH,      | <i>Grand Conductor.</i>     |
| W. CHAUNCEY AYRES,        | <i>Grand Guardian.</i>      |

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, GRAND LODGE, U. S.

- R. W. LUGIUS A. THOMAS, *First Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of United States.*  
R. W. WILLIAM T. MINOR, *Second Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of United States.*

## PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FREDERICK CROSWELL.  
JAMES B. GILLMAN.  
CHARLES W. BRADLEY.  
SHELDON BASSETT.  
JOHN L. DEVOTION.  
HENRY L. MILLER.  
PRELATE DEMICK.  
JOHN GREENWOOD, JR.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

## APPOINTED SINCE THE ANNUAL SESSION.

| DISTRICTS.         | LODGES.       | D. D. GRAND MASTERS.       |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| New Haven, - -     | 1, 5, 15, 36, | Jobamah Gunn.              |
| Hartford, - -      | 2, 8, 40,     | Benjamin Stephens.         |
| East Haddam, - -   | 3,            |                            |
| Bridgeport, - -    | 4, 41,        | <i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i> |
| Derby, - -         | 6,            | Matthew Donnelly.          |
| Danbury, - -       | 7, 29,        | James R. Greenwood.        |
| New London, - -    | 9, 17,        | Jonathan N. Harris.        |
| Norwalk, - -       | 10,           | Stephen Olmsted.           |
| Norwich, - -       | 11, 27,       | J. H. H. Roath.            |
| Middletown, - -    | 12,           | James E. Bidwell.          |
| Stonington, - -    | 13, 19, 26,   | Stanton Sheffield.         |
| Milford, - -       | 14,           | John N. Buckingham.        |
| Windham, - -       | 16,           | Ralph Williams.            |
| Tolland, - -       | 18,           |                            |
| Saybrook, - -      | 20,           | John G. Hayden.            |
| Waterbury, - -     | 21,           | David S. Law.              |
| East Windsor, - -  | 22, 54,       | Alfred Denison.            |
| Granby, - -        | 23,           | N. P. Pratt.               |
| Stamford, - -      | 24,           | Lorenzo Meeker.            |
| Manchester, - -    | 25,           | John S. Dobson.            |
| Meriden, - -       | 28,           | John L. Treat.             |
| Winchester, - -    | 30, 43,       | Seth L. Wilder.            |
| Redding, - -       | 31,           | Henry H. Munroe.           |
| Stafford, - -      | 32,           | Jasper H. Bolton.          |
| Portland, - -      | 33,           | Alfred Hall.               |
| Killingly, - -     | 34,           | Daniel D. Fisk.            |
| Litchfield, - -    | 35,           | George Seymour.            |
| New Canaan, - -    | 37,           | Egbert Mead.               |
| Simsbury, - -      | 38,           | James Turnbull.            |
| Windsor, - -       | 39,           | Roderick Kendall.          |
| Plymouth, - -      | 42,           | Elisha Johnson.            |
| Woodbury, - -      | 44,           | Silas Chapin.              |
| Enfield, - -       | 45,           | John Walker.               |
| Ridgefield, - -    | 46,           | James Scott, 2d.           |
| Bloomfield, - -    | 47,           | Levi H. Hamblin.           |
| Bristol, - -       | 48,           | Alphonso Barnes.           |
| Vernon, - -        | 49,           | Edward W. Gilman.          |
| Salisbury, - -     | 50,           |                            |
| Torrington, - -    | 51,           | A. P. P. Camp.             |
| Berlin, - -        | 52,           | George M. Landers.         |
| East Hartford, - - | 53,           | George H. Olmsted.         |
| Hebron, - -        | 55,           | Henry H. Fitch.            |

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.**

William L. Brewer,  
John G. Hayden,

Joseph Olmstead,  
William B. Casey.

Francis Bacon,

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.**

Timothy Sheldon,

William Meeker,

Eliphalet G. Storer.

**COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.**

Adrian C. Heitmann,

Lucius A. Thomas.

Cornelius Wildman.

**COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE.**

Guy R. Phelps,  
Samuel Tolles,  
Horatio N. Hawkins,

H. Hobart Roath,  
Townsend P. Abell,  
Ethel T. Farnam,

Francis D. Johnson,  
Silas Chapin,  
H. B. Case.

## MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

### QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Samuel Bishop, Nov. 24, 1840.         | Ralph Warren, July 11, 1844.        |
| Wm. E. Vibbert, Nov. 24, 1840.        | Alexander O. Coburn, July 11, 1844. |
| Thomas J. Stafford, April 8, 1841.    | Charles K. Brown, Jan. 8, 1845.     |
| Robinson S. Hinman,* April 8, 1841.   | Daniel H. Moore, July 8, 1845.      |
| Andrian C. Heitmann, July 8, 1841.    | Samuel B. Gorham, Sept. 12, 1845.   |
| William H. Ellis, Oct. 14, 1841.      | Walter Osborn, Jan. 14, 1846.       |
| John G. Hotchkiss,* Jan. 13, 1842.    | William Goodwin, Jan. 14, 1846.     |
| Lucius A. Thomas, April 14, 1842.     | Frederick P. Gorham, July 8, 1846.  |
| Jonas B. Bowditch, July 14, 1842.     | Cornelius Wildman, July 8, 1846.    |
| Benjamin R. Hitchcock, Oct. 27, 1842. | Eliphalet G. Storer, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| William A. Goodwin, January 12, 1843. | Samuel H. Harris, Jan. 13, 1847.    |
| Isaac Judson, April 20, 1843.         | D. M. Burwell, July 15, 1847.       |
| Prelate Demick, July 13, 1843.        | John S. Rice, Jan. 12, 1848.        |
| Charles Ball, Jan. 11, 1844.          | James M. Veader, July 12, 1848.     |
| Newell C. Hall, Jan. 11, 1844.        |                                     |

### CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.

|                                       |                                  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| James B. Gilman, November 24, 1840.   | Thomas H. Seymour, July 9, 1845. |
| John Moore, January 14, 1841.         | Timothy Sheldon, July 9, 1845.   |
| Nathan M. Waterman, April 8, 1841.    | Mason Smith, July 9, 1845.       |
| James B. Shultas, October 14, 1841.   | Joseph W. Hale, Jan. 14, 1846.   |
| Benjamin F. Folger, October 14, 1841. | Joseph Pratt, Jr., July 8, 1846. |
| Guy R. Phelps, Jan. 13, 1842.         | S. H. Havens, July 8, 1846.      |
| Henry H. Dickinson, October 18, 1842. | W. H. Sweetland, Jan. 13, 1847.  |
| Joel Pratt, 3d,† April 20, 1843.      | Rawson Reed, Jan. 13, 1847.      |
| E. C. Kellogg, Jan. 11, 1844.         | James M. Stedman, July 15, 1847. |
| Henry Hastings, July 11, 1844.        | John Hatfield, Jan. 12, 1848.    |
| Edward Button, Jan. 8, 1845.          | William Boardman, July 12, 1848. |

### MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| John C. Palmer, Nov. 24, 1840.      | Francis M. Palmer, Jan. 14, 1846.   |
| Richard S. Pratt, April 8, 1841.    | Daniel Cone, Jan. 14, 1846.         |
| Charles W. Bradley, July 8, 1841.   | George E. Goodspeed, July 15, 1847. |
| Porter H. Snow, October 18, 1842.   | W. B. Dickenson, July 15, 1847.     |
| William W. Kingsley, Jan. 12, 1843. | H. G. Loomis, July 15, 1847.        |
| Thomas C. Bordman, April 20, 1843.  | M. E. Bailey, Jan. 12, 1848.        |
| Luther Boardman, April 20, 1843.    | F. A. Roberts, Jan. 12, 1848.       |

\* Deceased.

## PEQUABOCK LODGE, No. 4.

George Walter, January 13, 1842.  
 Gilson Landon, April 14, 1842.  
 John M. Wilson, October 18, 1842.  
 Samuel B. Brittan, October 18, 1842.  
 Eliphalet B. Stevens, October 18, 1842.  
 Joseph Crosby, Jan. 12, 1843.  
 Frederick Griffith, April 20, 1843.  
 William L. Watson, Jan. 11, 1844.  
 Ammon Williams, Jan. 11, 1844.  
 Edward Hamilton, July 11, 1844.  
 William S. Atkinson, July 11, 1844.

Benjamin H. Mills, Jan. 8, 1845.  
 John W. Wilmot, Jan. 8, 1845.  
 Benajah Mallory, July 9, 1845.  
 Jared B. Collins, July 9, 1845.  
 Asher M. Ruggles, July 8, 1846.  
 Charles N. Booth, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 George B. Ambler, July 15, 1847.  
 George S. Sanford, July 15, 1847.  
 Ezra Kelsey, January 12, 1848.  
 John F. Wheaton, July 12, 1848.

## HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

J. W. Newell, Jr.,† October 14, 1841.  
 Joseph G. Anthony, January 13, 1842.  
 Dennis Carrington,† October 18, 1842.  
 Clark Beach, January 11, 1844.  
 Stephen Lawton,† January 11, 1844.  
 John A. Parmelee, July 11, 1844.  
 Louis L. Beecher, January 8, 1845.  
 Jobamah Gunn, January 8, 1845.

Lucius G. Peck, July 9, 1845.  
 William H. Stanley, July 9, 1845.  
 Samuel Tolles, July 8, 1846.  
 Ira Merwin, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 A. J. Riggs, January 13, 1847.  
 John B. Adriaance, January 12, 1848.  
 Thomas Philips, July 12, 1848.

## OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

Sheldon Bassett, April 14, 1842.  
 Robert Gates, Jr., July 20, 1842.  
 Robert R. Wood, April 20, 1843.  
 James Kneringer, January 11, 1844.  
 Simeon Tomlinson, Jan. 11, 1844.  
 Lewis Hotchkiss, July 11, 1844.  
 Horatio N. Hawkins, July 11, 1844.  
 Ely Burritt, July 11, 1844.  
 Sydney ABing, July 11, 1844.

William N. Priestly, July 9, 1845.  
 George Bristol, July 9, 1845.  
 Charles Smith, January 14, 1846.  
 Matthew Donnelly, January 14, 1846.  
 J. R. Sperry, July 15, 1847.  
 John Lindley, July 15, 1847.  
 Charles C. Jackson, Jan. 12, 1848.  
 John Wallace, July 12, 1848.

## SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

Stephen A. Hurlbut, April 20, 1843.  
 William W. Bedient, July 1844.  
 John L. Ambler, January 11, 1844.  
 David P. Nichols, July 9, 1845.

Alexander Lane, July 9, 1845.  
 William F. Hoyt, January 14, 1846.  
 James P. Saunders, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 Samuel G. Raymond, July 15, 1847.

## MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

Rowland A. Robbins, April 20, 1843.  
 Ezra Clark, Jr., July 11, 1844.  
 James A. Ayrault, January 8, 1845.  
 William B. Ely, July 9, 1845.  
 James C. Walkley, July 9, 1845.  
 Abel N. Clark, July 9, 1845.  
 John W. Danforth, July 9, 1845.

Benjamin Stephens, July 8, 1846.  
 Thomas Martin, July 8, 1846.  
 L. B. Allyn, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 R. G. Drake, July 15, 1847.  
 A. C. Goodman, Jan. 12, 1848.  
 Philemon F. Robbins, July 12, 1848.

† Suspended.

## THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

|                                       |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Jesse Rich, April, 20, 1843.          | Samuel Barry, January 14, 1845.    |
| Allen S. Wightman, July 13, 1843.     | Thomas J. Greenwood, July 8, 1846. |
| Augustus C. Seaman, January 11, 1844. | Walter Edwards, January 13, 1847.  |
| Orrin F. Smith, January 11, 1844.     | J. K. Corthell, July 15, 1847.     |
| Charles E. Hewett, July 11, 1844.     | Robert B. Jackson, July 15, 1847.  |
| Henry Champlain, July 11, 1844.       | R. J. Kimball, July 15, 1847.      |
| Henry Stayner, January 8, 1845.       | Lewis D. Allyn, January 12, 1848.  |
| George W. Brown, July 9, 1845.        | Artemas Douglas, July 12, 1848.    |

## OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

|                                       |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| David H. Plumb, April 20, 1843.       | Samuel W. Chamberlain, July 9, 1845. |
| Asa E. Smith, July 13, 1843.          | Samuel H. Bailey, July 9, 1845.      |
| Cholwell J. Gruman, January 11, 1844. | Levi Clarke, January 14, 1846.       |
| Stephen Olmsted, January 11, 1844.    | George Randle, January 14, 1846.     |
| Samuel R. Bunting, January 11, 1844.  | Henry W. Smith, July 8, 1846.        |
| Asa Hill, July 11, 1844.              | Peter L. Cunningham, July 8, 1846.   |
| Richard S. Buckman, July 11, 1844.    | George W. Smith, July 15, 1847.      |
| Eli Curtiss, January 8, 1845.         | Thomas P. Butler, January 12, 1848.  |
| James A. Quintard, Jan. 8, 1845.      | E. S. Quintard, January 12, 1848.    |

## UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| John L. Devotion, July 13, 1843.    | William L. Brewer, Sept. 12, 1845.  |
| Edward W. Eells, January 11, 1844.  | H. A. Barrows, July 8, 1846.        |
| James D. Mowrey, January 11, 1844.  | Luke W. Rogers, July 8, 1846.       |
| Charles A. Converse, July 11, 1844. | H. W. Benchly, July 8, 1846.        |
| Philo M. Judson, January 8, 1845.   | William Faulkner, January 13, 1847. |
| William C. Potter, January 8, 1845. | James A. Hovey, July 15, 1847.      |
| David Young, July 9, 1845.          | H. Hobart Roath, July 12, 1848.     |

## CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Stephen M. Shaddick, Jan. 11, 1844. | Elijah Beach, July 8, 1846.         |
| Erastus H. Booth, January 11, 1844. | Dennis Sage, January 13, 1847.      |
| Origen Utley, July 11, 1844.        | William B. Carey, July 15, 1847.    |
| Frederick Brewer, Jan. 8, 1845.     | William B. Casey, January 12, 1848. |
| Aaron G. Pease, July 9, 1845.       | J. E. Bidwell, July 12, 1848.       |
| Langdon C. Hubbard, July 9, 1845.   | Horace Caswell, July 12, 1848.      |
| James S. Parmelee, July 9, 1845.    | William Chapman, July 12, 1848.     |
| T. P. Abell, July 8, 1846.          |                                     |

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

|                                |                              |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| William Meeker, July 11, 1844. | Grove G. King, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert G. Wolf, July 8, 1846.  | Amos Clift, July 15, 1847.   |
| Alonzo Williams, July 8, 1846. |                              |

## WOPOWAGE LODGE, 14.

|                                      |                                     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Benjamin P. Bush, January 8, 1845.   | William Bush, January 13, 1847.     |
| John N. Buckingham, January 8, 1845. | Horace Brown, July 13, 1847.        |
| George Cornwall, 2d, July 9, 1845.   | Elias Clark, January 12, 1848.      |
| F. C. Dayton, January 14, 1846.      | John Burns, Jr., January 12, 1848.  |
| Benjamin D. Wells, July 8, 1846.     | Harris Hitchcock, January 12, 1848. |
| Lydenham Gait, January 13, 1847.     | A. W. French, July 12, 1848.        |

## MONTAWESE LODGE, No. 15.

Frederick Crowell, Nov. 24, 1840.  
 Henry H. Jewett, July 9, 1845.  
 Truman Hart, July 9, 1845.  
 Smith Collins, July 9, 1845.  
 William E. Sanford, Sept. 12, 1845.  
 Luther P. Bradley, Jan. 14, 1846.  
 James Lindengreen,† July 8, 1846.

James H. Carrington, July 8, 1846.  
 Charles A. Saunders, January 13, 1847.  
 William J. Flagg, January 13, 1847.  
 Samuel Daskam, July 15, 1847.  
 E. H. Imley, January 12, 1848.  
 Joseph Maddox, July 12, 1848.

## WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 16.

Lloyd E. Baldwin, July 9, 1845.  
 John S. R. Benchley, January 13, 1847.  
 Joshua B. Lord, January 13, 1847.

William L. King, July 13, 1847.  
 Ralph Williams, July 12, 1848.

## TRUMBULL LODGE, No. 17.

Cyrus C. Hughes, July 9, 1845.  
 William S. Noyes, July 9, 1845.  
 J. N. Harris, July 9, 1845.  
 William Mercer, July 8, 1846.  
 H. A. Latimer, July 8, 1846.

E. B. H. Prince, Jan. 13, 1847.  
 F. M. Walker, January 13, 1847.  
 William J. Gray, July 15, 1847.  
 Louis Bristol, January 12, 1848.  
 James C. Trumbull, July 12, 1848.

## NATHAN HALE LODGE, No. 18.

Henry F. Gardner, July 9, 1845.  
 Solomon L. Griggs, January 14, 1846.  
 William W. Brace, January 14, 1846.  
 Calvin Kilbourn, July 8, 1846.

Reuben Allen, July 8, 1846.  
 Elijah W. Smith, January 13, 1847.  
 Henry Underwood, July 15, 1847.  
 Charles Underwood, January 12, 1848.

## MYSTIC LODGE, No. 19.

L. F. Smith, July 9, 1845.  
 Albert Saunders, January 14, 1846.

George D. Hyde, July 8, 1846.  
 William Cram, July 15, 1847.

## FENWICK LODGE, No. 20.

Junius M. Willey, July 9, 1845.  
 Nathan Pratt, January 14, 1846.  
 John S. Dickenson, July 8, 1846.  
 James H. Pratt, July 8, 1846.

John G. Hayden, January 13, 1847.  
 George K. Stillman, July 15, 1847.  
 Alpheus Spencer, January 12, 1848.

## NOSAHOOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

William M. Pemberton, Jan. 14, 1846.  
 Chas. U. C. Burton, Jan. 14, 1846.  
 David S. Law, July 8, 1846.  
 R. E. Hitchcock, January 13, 1847.

Edward L. Clarke, January 13, 1847.  
 Meritt Lane, July 15, 1847.  
 George W. Benedict, July 15, 1847.

## FARMERS AND MECHANICS LODGE, No. 22.

Bezaceel Sexton, January 14, 1846.  
 William J. Whipple, January 14, 1846.  
 Joseph Olmstead, July 8, 1846.  
 Lodowick Weller, January 13, 1847.

R. M. Abbe, January 13, 1847.  
 Philip Tucker, July 15, 1847.  
 C. A. Lord, July 15, 1847.  
 R. Thrall, July 12, 1848.

## ACANTHUS LODGE, No. 23.

Josiah C. Banning, July 8, 1846.

Chester Seymour, July 8, 1846.

## RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24.

|                                        |                                     |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Benjamin B. Hallock, January 14, 1846. | William T. Minor, January 13, 1847. |
| William H. Buxton, January 14, 1846.   | Robert H. Lockwood, July 15, 1847.  |
| Lorenzo Meeker, July 8, 1846.          | Chauncey Ayres, January 12, 1848.   |
| Joseph D. Warren, July 8, 1846.        | Sands Seeley, July 12, 1848.        |
| Samuel Lockwood, January 13, 1847.     |                                     |

## OAKLAND LODGE, No. 25.

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Melancthon Hudson, January 14, 1845. | William Dobson, July 15, 1847. |
| Henry W. Hudson, July 8, 1846.       | H. L. Moulton, July 15, 1847.  |
| H. C. Woodbridge, July 15, 1847.     | John S. Dobson, July 12, 1848. |
| P. D. Perry, July 15, 1847.          |                                |

## STONINGTON LODGE, No. 26.

|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Russel H. Dennison, January 13, 1847. | Staunton Sheffield, January 12, 1848. |
| Billings Wheeler, July 15, 1847.      | R. C. Hancox, July 13, 1848.          |
| Charles H. Smith, July 15, 1847.      |                                       |

## OWENECO LODGE, No. 27.

|                                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| John B. Thayer, January 13, 1847.     | Charles Crowley, January 12, 1848.  |
| Rowland H. Gardner, January 13, 1847. | Charles W. Jennings, July 12, 1848. |
| Robinson G. Northrop, Jan. 13, 1847.  |                                     |

## HANCOCK LODGE, No. 28.

|                               |                                     |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Ira N. Yale,† July 15, 1847.  | William H. Treat, January 12, 1848. |
| John S. Blake, July 15, 1847. | John L. Treat, July 12, 1848.       |

## HOWARD LODGE, No. 29.

|                                     |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| John Greenwood, Jr., July 11, 1844. | William A. Judd, January 14, 1847.  |
| Ethel T. Farnam, July 9, 1845.      | Munson A. Shepherd,† July 15, 1847. |
| A. C. Shepard, July 8, 1846.        | William C. Shepard, July 12, 1848.  |

## UNION LODGE, No. 30.

|                                    |                                    |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Lucius H. Clark, January 13, 1847. | Seth L. Wilder, January 12, 1848.  |
| William A. Cowdry, July 15, 1847.  | Sherman T. Cook, January 12, 1848. |
| Richard Spencer, July 15, 1847.    |                                    |

## OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 31.

|                                     |                                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| John H. Dart, July 8, 1846.         | Henry H. Munroe, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Joel B. Ferguson, January 13, 1847. |                                 |

## NAZARENE LODGE, No. 32.

|                                     |                                    |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Moses B. Harvey, January 13, 1847.  | John R. Washburn, July 12, 1848.   |
| Jasper H. Bolton, January 13, 1847. | Francis D. Johnson, July 12, 1848. |
| Carlos Prouty, July 15, 1847.       |                                    |

† Dead.



**FREESTONE LODGE, No. 33.**

Alfred Hall, July 8, 1846.

**QUINNEBAUG LODGE, No. 34.**

Abiel Converse, January 13, 1847.

Elisha Frissell, July 15, 1847.

Daniel D. Fisk, July 12, 1848.

**COLUMBIAN LODGE, No. 35.**

Francis Bacon, January 12, 1848.

Samuel O. Meafoy, January 12, 1848.

George Seymour, July 12, 1848.

**CITY LODGE, No. 36.**

Thomas C. Hollis, July 14, 1842.

Noah Chandler, January 12, 1843.

Robert H. Starr, April 20, 1843.

John C. Hayden, January 11, 1844.

Andrew L. Brown, July 11, 1844.

William N. Clayton, January 14, 1846.

Theodore Werner, January 13, 1847.

Joel B. Foot, July 15, 1847.

Russell W. Norton, January 12, 1848.

Elias T. Main, July 12, 1848.

**WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37.**

Egbert Mead, July 15, 1847.

James Patison, January 12, 1848.

**TUNXIS LODGE, No. 38.**

James Trumbull, July 12, 1848.

James Wallace, July 12, 1848.

**PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39.**

Josiah S. Rice, July 15, 1847.

**HYPERION LODGE, No. 40.**

John W. Johnson, January 11, 1844.

H. L. Miller, January 11, 1844.

A. M. Gordon, July 11, 1844.

Edson Fessenden, January 8, 1845.

Jared B. Flagg, January 13, 1847.

John B. Eldridge, July 15, 1847.

John M. Riggs, January 12, 1848.

L. T. Welles, July 12, 1848.

**ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41.**

Ira Morse, July 15, 1847.

Mumford Butts, January 12, 1848.

William H. Williams, July 12, 1848.

**FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 42.**

Andrew Terry, July 15, 1847.

Elisha Johnson, January 12, 1848.

Henry E. Reed, July 12, 1848.

**ORION LODGE, No. 43.**

John H. Mills, July 8, 1846.

S. R. Miller, July 15, 1847.

Wm. S. Phillips, January 12, 1848.

D. A. Barclay, January 12, 1848.

William S. Wetmore, July 12, 1848.

**BETHEL ROCK LODGE, No. 44.**

Silas Chapin, July 15, 1847.

| Charles G. Judson, July 12, 1848.

**THOMPSONVILLE LODGE, No. 45.**

George C. Owen, July 15, 1847.

| John Walker, July 12, 1848.

**PILGRIM LODGE, No. 46.**

James Scott, 2nd. January 12, 1848.

| James Scott, July 12, 1848.

**LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 47.**

Hiram B. Case, January 12, 1848.

| L. H. Hamblin, July 12, 1848.

**PEQUABOCK LODGE, No. 48.**

Alphonso Barnes, January 12, 1848.

| Edward L. Dunbar, July 12, 1848.

**SILOAM LODGE, No. 49.**

Edward W. Gilman, January 12, 1848.

| C. Hibbard, July 12, 1848.

**NAW KAW LODGE, No. 51.**

A. P. P. Camp, January 12, 1848.

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**PHENIX LODGE, No. 52.**

George M. Landers, July 12, 1848.

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**ELM LODGE, No. 53.**

George H. Olmsted, July 12, 1848.

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**PROTECTION LODGE, No. 54.**

Albert Denison, July 12, 1848.

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**[MARION] LODGE, No. 55.**

Henry M. Fitch, July 12, 1848.

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## APPENDIX.

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### CONSTITUTION

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONN.

AS AMENDED AT THE JULY SESSION, 1848.

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#### ARTICLE I.

##### TITLE AND POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

###### *Title.*

SEC. 1. The Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style, and title, of "THE GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT," and shall be composed only of the officers formally installed, and the Past Grands of Lodges, regularly chosen Representatives and duly admitted, as required by this Constitution.

###### *Powers.*

SEC. 2. This Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship within the State of Connecticut, by virtue of a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and is the supreme tribunal of subordinate lodges within its jurisdiction. No lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, without its sanction. It possesses the sole right and power of granting Charters ;—of suspending or taking away Charters, for proper cause ; of receiving appeals, and redressing grievances arising in lodges ;—of originating and regulating the means of its own support ;—and of doing all such other acts as are promotive of the interests of the Order, or that appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and that are not in violation of the laws of the land.

###### *Seal.*

SEC. 3. This Grand Lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith.

## ARTICLE II.

## MEMBERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

*Qualifications for Membership.*

SEC. 1. The members of the Grand Lodge shall be Past Grands, who have been, in conformity with this Constitution, duly and regularly elected Representatives of the subordinate lodges to which they belong, who have received the Grand Lodge degree, and subscribed to these articles.

*Qualifications of Representatives.*

SEC. 2. Every Representative shall be a contributing member of the lodge which he represents, in good standing, and must be elected by a majority of the members present.

*Certificates.*

SEC. 3. Every Representative of a subordinate lodge shall, at the time of his election, be furnished with a certificate in the following form, viz. :

———— LODGE, No. —. I. O. O. F.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut :*

This is to certify, that P. G. ——— has been duly elected a Representative of this lodge in your Right Worthy body, to serve for one year from the second Wednesday of July, 18

[L. S.] In testimony whereof, I hereunto affix my  
hand and the seal of our lodge, this  
—— day of ———, 18

*Secretary.*

Which certificate must be presented when the Representative offers himself for admission.

*Objections.*

SEC. 4. If any member of the Grand Lodge object to the admission of any Past Grand so applying, his objections shall be submitted in writing, and referred to the Committee on Elections ; and if the committee sustain the objections, or, on vote, the Grand Lodge sustain them, they shall be communicated to the subordinate lodge in which such Past Grand has been elected, and his application shall lie on the table until the decision of said subordinate lodge be communicated to the Grand Lodge. Then, if such subordinate lodge certify that it hath *duly considered such objections, and still recommends said Past Grand, believing him worthy of membership*, he shall be received as a member of the Grand Lodge. No Past Grand, under suspension, or having charges preferred against him in his subordinate lodge, shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE III.

## OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

*Election and Appointment.*

SEC. 1. The Elective Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be : Most Worthy Grand Master ; Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master ; Right Worthy Grand Warden ; Right Worthy Grand Secretary ; Right Worthy Grand Treasurer ; who shall be elected by ballot, at each annual session.

SEC. 2. The Appointed Officers shall consist of, Worthy Grand Marshal ; Worthy Grand Conductor : Worthy Grand Guardian ; who shall be appointed annually.

SEC. 3. The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Grand Warden, R. W. Grand Secretary, and R. W. Grand Treasurer, shall constitute an Executive Council, to assist the Grand Master advisarily in the recess of the Grand Lodge.

*Grand Master.*

SEC. 4. The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge ;—he shall preserve order, and may enforce it by fine ; all questions of order, however, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge ;—he shall, with the advice of the Executive Council, grant dispensations to open subordinates, at his discretion, when the Grand Lodge is not in session ; which dispensations shall be made subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge at its next regular session ;—he shall appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem.* and all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge ;—he shall give the casting vote in all cases when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except when the vote is taken by subordinates, in which case he shall be allowed a voice in the representation to which he belongs ;—he shall appoint all Grand Officers, the appointment of whom is not otherwise provided for ;—he may, with the advice of the Executive Council, order special sessions of the Grand Lodge, whenever the good of the Order may appear to require it. After any sum of money shall have been voted, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same ;—he shall semi-annually appoint a Deputy in each town where there are one or more Lodges, and receive reports of their official doings ; he shall, in person or by deputy, institute subordinate lodges, install their officers, confer the five minor degrees, and all past official degrees ; and when officially visiting the subordinates, he shall be received with the honors of the Order. In the recess, he shall, with the advice of the Executive Council, be vested with all the powers exercised by the Grand Lodge, and his

official acts and decisions, so performed or made, shall be binding, unless annulled by the Grand Lodge at its next regular session thereafter. He shall not, while presiding as Grand Master, hold any office nor serve on any committee in a subordinate lodge.

*Deputy Grand Master.*

SEC. 5. The Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in presiding, and in his absence shall take the chair. In the event of the resignation, death, or removal from office, of the Grand Master, he shall become, *ex-officio* Grand Master, until the next regular session thereafter.

*Grand Warden.*

SEC. 6. The Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge; he shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door:—and in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

*Grand Secretary.*

SEC. 7. The Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, at every meeting; he shall keep the accounts between the Grand Lodge and its subordinates, report all delinquences, receive all moneys coming to the Grand Lodge therefrom, give receipts therefor, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer immediately, taking his receipt for the same; he shall notify each of the subordinates of all special sessions of the Grand Lodge;—he shall transmit to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the United States, immediately on the institution of a subordinate lodge, the name, number, date of charter, or dispensation, and the location of the lodge; and also the same information on the suspension or expulsion of a lodge. He shall have charge of the seal, and all books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge; and for the faithful performance of his duties, he shall be entitled to a salary of [150] dollars per annum, payable semi-annually.

*Grand Treasurer.*

SEC. 8. The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge;—he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master—he shall make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting the sources and amount of receipts, and how disposed of; the purposes and amounts of disbursements;—he shall have his accounts closed at every regular session, and submit them to the

Grand Lodge. He shall transmit, by the Grand Secretary semi-annually, to the subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts ; and he shall execute to the lodge, bonds, with two sureties, to be approved by them, for the faithful performance of the trust.

*Grand Marshal.*

SEC. 9. The Grand Marshal shall assist the Deputy Grand Master in supporting the Grand Master in the Grand Lodge ; he shall superintend all Grand processions, attend the Grand Master in his official visits to the subordinates, and issue his proclamations when necessary.

*Grand Conductor.*

SEC. 10. The Grand Conductor shall introduce new members to the Grand Lodge, and the officers of subordinate lodges for installation, assist in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, and in preserving order therein.

*Grand Guardian.*

SEC. 11. The Grand Guardian shall attend at the door of the Grand Lodge, and permit none to enter or depart, without the consent of the Grand Warden.

*General Duties.*

SEC. 12. All Grand officers shall, in addition to the duties specified in this Constitution, perform such others as the Grand Lodge may enjoin.

*Qualifications for Office.*

SEC. 13. No one shall be eligible for any Grand Office, unless he be a member of the Grand Lodge.

*Mode of Election.*

SEC. 14. Candidates for office may be nominated at any time previous to the election.

SEC. 15. All elective Grand Officers shall be chosen separately, by a majority of the votes given ; in case no candidate has such majority, the balloting shall be continued until one of them obtains it ; but when there are more than two candidates, the one having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn from the nomination at each succeeding ballot. All votes given for persons not in nomination, shall be counted as blanks ; and in case, at any election, there shall be more blanks than regular votes, then a new nomination shall be made.

SEC. 16. In balloting, should there be an equal division of the votes between any two candidates, the Grand Master shall be



called on for his ballot. Should there be more ballots than voters, the ballot shall be declared void, and a new ballot taken.

*Installation.*

SEC. 17. The Grand officers shall be installed at any time during the session, that the Grand Lodge may determine. The present Grand Master, or any Past Grand Master, or the senior member present, shall install the Grand Master, who shall install the other Grand Officers.

SEC. 18. All Grand officers shall be installed to serve until the next annual session, and the installation of their successors.

*Vacancies.*

SEC. 19. All vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or removal from office, shall be filled in the same manner as, and for the residue of the term of the former incumbent.

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## ARTICLE IV.

### STANDING COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. At each annual session, there shall be appointed the following Standing Committees, viz :

- 1st. Committee on Elections ;
- 2d. Committee on the State of the Order ;
- 3d. Committee on Finance ;
- 4th. Committee on Grievances.
- 5th. Committee on Stationery and Printing.

*Committee on Elections.*

SEC. 2. The Committee on Elections shall consist of three members, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, or the incumbent of the chair at the time of opening the session, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the election and eligibility of members.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*

SEC. 3. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of five members, and shall be nominated by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge. It shall be the duty of this Committee to examine and report on the semi-annual returns of the subordinates—on the laws and rules of subordinate lodges, when presented to the Grand Lodge for its approval—on all propositions for amending the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Constitution of subordi-

nate lodges, on all resolutions pertaining to the general interests of the Order, within this jurisdiction, which the Grand Lodge has not otherwise disposed of, and may so refer.

*Committee on Finance.*

SEC. 4. The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master and approved by the Grand Lodge, and whose duty it shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Lodge, previous to their being passed for payment by the Grand Lodge; to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, semi-annually, and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem expedient.

*Committee on Grievances.*

SEC. 5. The Committee on Grievances shall be composed of nine members, who shall be nominated by the Grand Master, and approved by the Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to hear all appeals and grievances from lodges, or members of lodges, referred to them by the Grand Lodge, and report thereon such action as may be necessary; and during the recess of the Grand Lodge, any subordinate lodge, having any grievances between itself and any of its members, either party may refer the same to the Grand Master, who, with said Committee, may hear and determine the same: from whose decision either party may appeal to the Grand Lodge. *Provided*, that in all matters at issue between a subordinate lodge and one or more of its members, or between two or more subordinate lodges, the member or members of this Committee from such lodge or lodges, shall not be entitled to give judgment in such matters at issue.

*Committee on Stationery and Printing.*

SEC. 6. The Committee on Stationery and Printing shall consist of two members, who, with the Grand Secretary, shall contract for and superintend all printing ordered by the Grand Lodge, and procure stationery for the same.

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## ARTICLE V.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 1. Two Grand Representatives shall be accredited to the Grand Lodge of the United States, who shall be members of this Grand Lodge, shall have received the side degrees and have attained to the R. P. degree.

**SEC. 2.** At each annual session there shall be elected one Grand Representative, to serve for two years from the commencement of the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, next succeeding his election.

**SEC. 3.** Each Grand Representative shall attend the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and represent the wishes of this Grand Lodge therein. In case of inability of any Grand Representative to attend, he shall notify the Grand Master, who, with the advice of the Executive Council, shall appoint a substitute. He or his substitute shall be furnished with a certificate of election in the form required by Article X, Constitution of Grand Lodge of United States, and for the faithful performance of his duty, he shall be entitled to the sum of fifty dollars.

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## ARTICLE VI.

### REMOVALS, SUSPENSION AND EXPULSIONS.

**SEC. 1.** Any Grand officer may be removed from his office for conduct unworthy of his standing in the Order, or for inattention to the duties of his office.

**SEC. 2.** Any member being guilty of conduct in derogation of the character of the Order, on being regularly convicted, shall be suspended or expelled from his seat as Representative, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge.

**SEC. 3.** Every officer and member shall be entitled to a fair trial, for any offence involving removal, suspension, or expulsion; but no member shall be put on trial, unless charges specifying his offence shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by a member thereof.

**SEC. 4.** When charges have been preferred against an officer or member in due form, they shall be referred to a special committee of five, (none of whom shall belong to the same subordinate lodge as the accused,) who shall immediately notify the parties; and after one month therefrom, they shall meet and proceed to examine the evidence in the case, (all of which shall be in writing,) and make report thereon to the Grand Lodge. And it shall be the duty of said Committee to furnish the accused a copy of their report in writing, at least one month before the next regular session of the Grand Lodge, at which session the case shall be heard and decided. And every member so accused and tried, shall be allowed to be heard in his own defence,

when the case is before the Grand Lodge. *Provided*, that such member shall not be allowed to vote in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial.

SEC. 5. No officer or member shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial, nor be present when the question is taken on the report or resolution offered by the Committee. Should the Grand Master be under charges, a Past Grand Master, if any be present, shall preside, while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration.

## ARTICLE VII.

### SESSIONS AND VOTES.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold two regular sessions in each year, viz. : on the second Wednesdays in July and January ; the first of which shall be distinguished as the ANNUAL SESSION, the other as the SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION, and shall hold SPECIAL SESSIONS at the call of the Grand Master ; during either of which it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is disposed of. The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of New Haven, and shall be opened in the Grand Lodge degree, at all times when engaged in the business of the Order.

SEC. 2. At the *Annual* and *Semi-annual Sessions*, the subordinates shall have their reports, returns, and sums due, presented, as required by these articles ; new members shall be admitted to their seats, and all manner of business within the power of the Grand Lodge, may be transacted.

SEC. 3. At *Special Sessions*, no business shall be transacted except that for which the session is called, which shall be distinctly stated in the notification to members ; but no business, at a Special Session, shall be so acted on as to involve the expenditure of money.

#### *Quorum.*

SEC. 4. The Grand Lodge shall not be opened unless there be present a representation from at least four subordinates, consisting of not less than ten members.

#### *Votes.*

SEC. 5. All questions before the Grand Lodge, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given by the Representatives present ; unless when the representations of two subordinates require the vote to be taken by representations ; in which

case it shall be determined by the majority of votes of lodges present ; *provided*, however, that no election of Grand officers shall take place by representations, in any case ; and each representative shall vote on all questions before the Grand Lodge.

#### *Ratio of Representation.*

SEC. 6. The representations of each lodge which has duly reported to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Session, *one hundred members* or less, in full membership, shall be entitled to *one vote*, and of each which has reported a greater number, shall be entitled to *one additional vote* for every one hundred members ; which votes shall always be ascertained by polling the representatives of each subordinate separately. The ayes and nays shall always be recorded when the vote is taken by representations.

#### *Dues.*

SEC. 7. Each subordinate lodge shall pay to the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each candidate admitted. And in case the funds of the Grand Lodge shall fail, the deficiency shall be made up by assessment on the subordinates, according to the number of members in each.

#### *Instruction.*

SEC. 8. Subordinate lodges may instruct their Representatives, in writing, upon any business before this Grand Lodge, and such instructions shall be binding upon them and govern their votes in the Grand Lodge.

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## ARTICLE VIII.

### AMENDMENTS.

#### *Constitution.*

SEC. 1. This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, unless the proposition be made by the representation of two subordinates, in writing, at a Regular Session, which shall be referred to the next Regular Session, and entered on the record ; and at the time of its determination, it shall require two thirds of the votes by representation, present, to adopt the same ; but the Grand Lodge shall have power to reconsider any vote adopting an amendment to the Constitution, at the same session at which it was adopted.

*By-Laws.*

SEC. 2. The Grand Lodge may adopt, or amend, at any Regular Session, such By-Laws and Rules of Order, for the government of itself and its subordinates, as two thirds of the members present shall approve ; to take effect after the close of the session at which they may be adopted:—*Provided*, such laws or rules shall not in anywise contravene this Constitution, or violate the principles and usages of the Order.

## B Y - L A W S

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF THE STATE OF CONN.

## RELATING TO GRAND LODGE

*Time of Meeting.*

1. The R. W. Grand Lodge shall convene at the Annual and Semi-annual sessions, at 2 o'clock, P. M. ; and shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the session is completed, unless otherwise specially ordered by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

*Opening of Grand Lodge.*

2. Within thirty minutes of the time of meeting, the presiding officer shall proceed to open the Grand Lodge, should there be a quorum present ; and at the expiration of that time, should there not be a quorum, the members assembled may organize informally, and adjourn the meeting to such time as they may determine upon.

*Absence of Officers.*

3. In the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, the chair shall be taken *pro tem.* by the senior Past Grand Master present, if any, and if not, by any member of the Grand Lodge who may be called to it by a majority of the members present.

*Prayer.*

4. The sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed with prayer.

*District Deputy Grand Masters.*

5. District Deputy Grand Masters shall be charged with the duty of a general supervision of the interests of the Order within their respective districts ; in which they shall install officers, confer the five minor degrees and the past official degrees, and in all cases of doubt they shall determine the construction of the constitutions, laws, and usages of the Order at large. *Provided*, that any lodge within their jurisdiction, feeling aggrieved

by such decision, may appeal therefrom to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. They shall keep a record of their official acts, and deliver the same to their successors in office, and shall report in writing to the Grand Master, accounts of their official acts, on or before the 2d Wednesday in July, and on or before the 2d Wednesday in January, annually.

#### REGALIA AND JEWELS OF GRAND LODGE.

##### *Regalia.*

6. The regalia of the Grand Officers, and members of the Grand Lodge, shall consist of scarlet collars and aprons, trimmed with yellow lace or fringe, if of the R. P. Degree, if not, then trimmed with white lace or fringe.

##### *Jewels.*

7. The jewels of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be of yellow metal, and as follows, viz:—For Grand Master, a five pointed open star, with meridian sun in the center. For Deputy Grand Master, same star, with rising sun in the center. For Grand Warden, same, with hour glass in the center. For Grand Secretary, same, with crossed pens in center. For Grand Treasurer, same, with crossed keys in center. For Grand Guardian, same, with crossed swords in center. For Past Grand Masters, same as Grand Master, with white setting on external margin. For members, same, with hand and heart in center.

##### *Funeral Badge.*

8. The funeral badge of the Grand Lodge shall be as prescribed by R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

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#### RELATING TO SUBORDINATES.

9. Five or more brothers in good standing in the order, residing within this jurisdiction may petition the Grand Lodge in writing, for a Charter to constitute a subordinate lodge; which petition must be accompanied by the sum of Thirty Dollars as a Charter fee, and the withdrawal cards of the petitioners. Should a Charter be granted, such lodge shall receive the necessary charges, lectures, books of installation and instructions from the Grand Master, or whomsoever he may depute to institute the same, whose necessary expenses, if any, shall be borne by the lodge so opened.



*Seal.*

10. Every subordinate lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a fair impression of its seal; and all official documents from such lodges must bear the seal of the lodge.

*Certificates.*

11. Members of an extinct lodge, who were in good standing at the time of its dissolution, as may appear by the records of such lodge, or who may have paid all arrearages then due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable him to make application for admission to membership in another lodge:—*Provided*, That no such certificate shall be given to a member of a suspended or expelled lodge, unless ordered by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

*Funds of Subordinates.*

12. The funds and properties of subordinate lodges, having been raised for the purpose of relieving sick and distressed brethren, and other charitable uses in the Order, are not liable to be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between one lodge and another that may branch from it; but shall remain, for its legitimate purposes, the property of the lodge, so long as its charter is unreclaimed, and five brothers remain in good standing in the lodge: except when a lodge shall number three hundred members, or more, in regular standing—when, upon application of such lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant leave for the equal division of the members of such lodge, and the funds thereof, under such restrictions as the Grand Lodge may deem proper.

*Past Official Degrees.*

13. Past Grands, Past Vice Grands, and Past Secretaries, shall be entitled to the degrees belonging to the offices past, without charge, on presenting to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Warden, or District Deputy Grand Master, a certificate from the secretary of the lodge, under seal.

*Public Processions.*

14. No lodge shall have a public procession without permission of the Grand Lodge, unless to attend the funeral of a brother; and no lodge shall appear in regalia at a funeral, but the members shall wear the funeral badge as prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

15. Whenever a Subordinate Lodge may desire to hold a procession in full regalia, application shall be made to the D.

D. Grand Master of the District where the procession is to be holden who may grant the request, provided two thirds of the members present at a regular Lodge meeting shall have voted in favor thereof.

*Official Visitations.*

16. When the Grand Master or his Deputy shall visit a subordinate lodge, officially, by request, his necessary expenses shall be paid by such subordinate, but when the Grand Master shall deem it necessary for the good of the Order to visit a subordinate, his expenses, if any, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

*Can belong to only one Lodge.*

17. No brother shall be permitted to hold office in, or be a member of, two distinct subordinate lodges, at the same time.

*Emblems of the Order.*

18. Any member of the Order, who shall have painted upon his sign any of the emblems of the Order, or otherwise exhibit them upon the same, or have them printed or engraved upon his business card, or expose them in any public place as a sign, shall, if persisted in after the lodge of which he is a member gives him notice, be suspended or expelled, agreeably to a vote of the lodge.

## RULES OF ORDER.

## I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

After a quorum shall be ascertained to be present, the following shall be the order of business, viz :

1. The M. W. Grand Master shall request the brethren to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers and members to take their respective stations, and shall then call up the Grand Lodge.
2. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.
3. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.
4. The minutes of the last session shall be read, and if no objection be made to any part thereof, they shall stand approved without vote.
5. The Committee on Elections shall report on the eligibility of members.
6. New members admitted and instructed.
7. The Grand Master shall report his official acts.
8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall report on the returns from the subordinates.
9. Appeals read and referred.
10. Petitions read and referred.
11. Communications read.
12. Financial accounts read and referred.
13. Reports of Committee of Finance, submitted.
14. Further reports of the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted.
15. Reports of Committee on Grievance, submitted.
16. Reports of Special Committees, by seniority, submitted.
17. Unfinished business acted upon, by priority.
18. New business.

The Reports of the Committee on Elections are privileged to take the priority to all other business, until disposed of. But

the reports of all other committees, after having been submitted, will take their place in order among the unfinished business.

The order of business, as here arranged, may, at any time, for an occasion, be changed or dispensed with by a special two-third vote of the Grand Lodge.

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## II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed ; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall speak to another, or otherwise interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the Chair.

Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

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## III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask, "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question ?*" when, should no member rise to speak, the Grand Master shall rise to take the question ; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it ; and he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus—"*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge ?*"

## IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be up-standing, and shall respectfully address the Chair, and when he has finished he shall sit down. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No members shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair he shall cease speaking and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question until the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair; but no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

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V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition or memorial is presented, before it is read or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the Chair; and after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded, and stated by the Chair; and at the desire of any member it shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to amend; and shall have precedence in the

order herein arranged ; the first three of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority may, at the same or next succeeding meeting of the same session, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, and if seconded by a majority shall be put in this form—“ *Shall the main question now be put ?*” If carried, the first question in order shall be immediately taken without further debate.

When one-fifth of the members present rise in favor of taking a question by ayes and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

C O N S T I T U T I O N  
FOR  
S U B O R D I N A T E L O D G E S ,  
UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F. OF CONNECTICUT.

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ARTICLE I.

POWERS.

SEC. 1. This lodge shall be constituted by at least *five* members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled

and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a subordinate lodge—holding a legal, unreclaimed charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the State of Connecticut.

Seal.

SEC. 2. This Lodge shall have a seal, and all official documents shall be sealed therewith.

By-Laws.

SEC. 3. This lodge shall stand fully invested with power to adopt such By-Laws and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient, provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws or Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

Forfeiture of Charter.

SEC. 4. Should this lodge fail to hold its meetings for six months, or make its returns as required by the second section of Article VII. for two successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its charter, and become extinct: and it shall become the duty

of the last installed Officer to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master (or such other brother as may be appointed by him to receive them,) the charter, books, papers, furniture, and funds of the lodge.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

Qualification.

SEC. 1. No person shall be initiated into this lodge under twenty-one years of age, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

Proposition and Ballot.

SEC. 2. The name of a person offering for initiation must be proposed by a member, in writing, stating his age, residence, and business—which must be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall make a written report at a succeeding Regular Meeting—when the candidate may be balloted for, with ball ballots; and every candidate shall be entitled to three separate ballots, and three only, all which shall be taken within six weeks from the time his name was reported to the lodge; in any of which, should there be less than *three* black balls, he shall be declared duly elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected.

Rejections.

SEC. 3. No candidate can have his name withdrawn after it has been reported upon by a committee; nor shall any candidate, who has been rejected by any other lodge, be proposed in this within one year from the time of such rejection; or, if rejected in this lodge, he shall not be again proposed within six months thereafter.

Admission by Card.

SEC. 4. A brother of the Order, wishing to become a member, shall present his card from the lodge of which he was formerly a member, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and, in other respects, disposed of as provided by Sec. 2, for other applicants; and on being admitted, shall pay a sum of not less than *one* dollar.

SEC. 5. No candidate for admission, either by card or initiation, shall be admitted out of the town in which he resides, *provided*, there is a lodge in that town.

Notice of Rejections.

SEC. 6. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to all the lodges in the same and adjoining districts.

ARTICLE III.

CARDS.

Visiting Cards.

SEC. 1. Any member who is free from charges on the books of the Lodge, and in good standing, may, on application to the Lodge, or to the N. G. and Secretary, receive a visiting a card, by paying his dues to the time for which such card is granted, and paying such amount therefor as the by-laws shall direct ; and when the time has expired for which the card was granted, it shall be returned to the Lodge.

Traveling Cards.

SEC. 2. When any member desires to withdraw his membership from the Lodge, he shall make application at a regular meeting ; and if he is free from all charges on the books, and a majority of the members present agree thereto, he shall be entitled to a traveling or final card, which dissolves his connection with the Lodge.

SEC. 3. This Lodge has power to recall or annul, for good cause, any card granted by it.

SEC. 4. When relief is extended to a brother, who is not a member, the amount shall be endorsed upon his card, and the Lodge to which he belongs notified thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Dues.

SEC. 1 The regular contribution to the lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than 6½ cents per week—to be determined by the By-Laws, as well as the amount for widow and orphan fund, education fund and funeral tax ; and the lodge shall suspend all members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined for twelve months.

Weekly Benefit.

SEC. 2. Every member who shall be qualified, as required by the By-Laws of this lodge, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit from the funds of the lodge, as may be fixed by law.

Funeral Benefit.

SEC. 3. In case of the death of a brother, who shall be qualified as provided in Sec. 2, there shall be allowed from the lodge a sum not less than *fifteen* dollars, to defray the expenses of burial—which shall be paid over, without delay, to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. The N. G., in the absence of competent relations, shall take charge of the funeral, and receive account of the disbursements.

Benefit on the Death of a Wife.

SEC. 4. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified as provided by Sec. 2, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than *ten* dollars for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

ARTICLE V.

OF PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

Penalties.

SEC. 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles, or the By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require or the lodge determine.

Trial.

SEC. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion; but no member of this lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offense be submitted to the lodge, in writing, by one or more brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment of dues to the lodge.

Committee.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a brother, in proper manner, or any matters of grievance between brothers be brought before the lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen

from among the peers of the implicated brother ; and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question ; and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a member, or no appeal be taken from their decision to the lodge, it shall be final without other action from the lodge. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the lodge, for action.

Action on Motion of Committee.

SEC. 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two Regular Meetings previous to action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question ; at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the lodge may proceed to consider and determine it ; two thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried ; and the lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

Appeal from Decision of Committee.

SEC. 5. When the decision of a committee appointed under Sec. 3, shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of appeal to the lodge ; and at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the lodge in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the lodge ; and the lodge shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee, by a majority of votes present.

Appeal to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. Any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the lodge against him, shall be entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial ; and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offense. But whenever an appeal shall be taken by any member of a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, notice thereof stating the grounds of such appeal shall be served upon the Lodge of which the appellant is a member, at least two weeks before the stated session of the Grand Lodge.

Notice to other Lodges.

SEC. 7. Any brother having been suspended except for non-payment of dues, or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State; and to the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment; and a brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Notice of Charges.

SEC. 8. When charges have been preferred against a brother in regular form, a copy of the charges, together with a notice of the time and place of meeting of the committee appointed to investigate the same, shall be left at his residence, or where he was last known to reside, if within the town where the lodge is located. If he is absent from, or resides out of town, then they shall be directed to the last place where he was known to reside, and left at the Post Office; and if the brother so notified, shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed in manner and form as if he were present.

Disability.

SEC. 9. No officer or member shall officiate in the lodge during the time occupied in his trial, nor be present when the question is taken on the report or resolution of the committee. Should the N. G. be under charges, a P. G. shall preside.

ARTICLE VI.

OF OFFICERS, QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES.

Elective Officers.

SEC. 1. The Elective Officers of the lodge shall consist of Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the last meeting in each term, and Permanent Secretary, (when deemed necessary by the lodge,) who shall be elected for one year, at the last meeting in June.

Appointed Officers.

SEC. 2. The appointed Officers shall consist of Warden, Conductor, O. Guardian, I. Guardian, R. S., N. G., L. S., N. G., R. and L. S. S., who shall be appointed by the N. G., and R. and L. S., V. G., who shall be appointed by the V. G. on the night of Installation.

Nominations.

SEC. 3. Nominations for the Elective Officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceeding that of the election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Election.

SEC. 4. Each elective officer shall be voted for separately and by ballot, and each must receive a majority of all the votes given, to be elected ; and all votes given for persons not in nomination, as well as blanks, shall be counted as blanks ; and in case, at any election, there shall be more blanks than regular votes, then a new nomination shall be made.

Absentees.

SEC. 5. Any Officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the lodge ; and all vacancies shall be filled in such manner as a majority of the lodge may determine, to serve the residue of the term ; and officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

Qualifications.

SEC. 6. No brother shall be eligible to any elective or appointed office, unless he shall have attained to the scarlet degree. And no brother shall be eligible to the chair of the N. G., unless he has served a regular term as V. G. ; nor shall any brother be eligible as V. G., unless he has served a term in some inferior office ; except for the two first terms, when any scarlet degree member shall be eligible.

SEC. 7. No past Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past, when other nominations are before the lodge, unless he has been one full term out of such office, except the Secretary, Treasurer and Permanent Secretary.

Duties.

SEC. 8. The duties of the various Officers shall be, as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles, and the By-Laws of the lodge.

SEC. 9. A Permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the lodge and its members, and make out the Annual Report for the Grand Lodge ; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings, and perform all other duties of the office.

SEC. 10. This lodge shall, prior to the 2d Wednesday in July, annually, elect by ballot, from among the Past Grands who are in membership in the lodge, such number of them as the lodge

may determine, to represent it in the Grand Lodge, and to serve for one year from the second Wednesday of July, and may at any time elect, from among its qualified members, additional Representatives to serve until the next annual election.

ARTICLE VII.

OF TERMS AND RETURNS.

Terms.

SEC. 1. Regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first meetings in July and January, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Reports.

SEC. 2. At each Annual and Semi-annual Session, every lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full report of the names of those initiated—admitted by card—rejected—withdrawn by card—suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof—reinstated and deceased: together with the number of degrees conferred—the whole number in membership—a statement of the number of brothers relieved—widowed families relieved, and brothers buried—the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes, and the amount paid for the education of orphans, together with the amount of the General Fund, and the Widow and Orphan Fund, on hand—the amount of receipts—and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. This Lodge shall, at the end of its first term, transmit to the Grand Lodge, for approval, a copy of the By-Laws, Regulations, and Rules of Order which have been adopted for its own regulation; and at the end of each subsequent term, shall transmit attested copies of all alterations and additions which may have been made to said By-Laws, Regulations, and Rules of Order during the term last past.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DEGREES.

Application for Degrees.

SEC. 1. Any brother wishing to take the degrees, shall apply in open Lodge, at a Regular Meeting, when he shall be balloted

for, with ball ballots, by members of the scarlet degree only ; and if not more than three black balls appear against him, he shall be furnished with a certificate, signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, and attested with the Seal of the lodge, of his having applied for such degrees, and that he was, by a ballot of the lodge, authorized to receive the same.

Manner of Conferring.

SEC. 2. Not more than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother at the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proven, and no degree shall be conferred until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor—which shall not be less than the following rates, viz :

For the *White*, one dollar ; for the *Pink*, one dollar ; for the *Royal Blue*, one dollar ; for the *Green*, one dollar for the *Scarlet*, two dollars.

ARTICLE IX.

Amendments.

SEC. 1. These Articles, nor any part thereof, shall be altered, amended, suspended, or annuled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, and adopted by the representatives of a majority of the lodges present.

Reference to Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. When doubts arise of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE X.

REGALIA AND JEWELS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Regalia of Officers.

SEC. 1. The regalia of officers of subordinates shall be as follows: The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar ; Vice Grand, blue collar ; Secretary and Treasurer, green collars ; each trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes ; Supporters of Vice Grand, blue sashes ; Warden and Conductor, black sashes ; ~~Scene~~ Supporters, white sashes ; Chaplain, white sash. The aprons of elected and appointed officers shall be white, trimmed with the color of the

collar or sash indicated for the office. The caps and robes of officers to correspond in color with the collar or sash of their office.

Jewels.

SEC. 2. The subordinate jewels shall be of white metal, and as follows, viz :—For Noble Grand, crossed gavels. For Vice Grand, hour-glass. For Secretary, crossed pens. For Treasurer, crossed keys. For Warden, crossed axes. For Guardians, crossed swords. For Past Grand, five pointed open star, with heart and hand in center.

Regalia of Members.

SEC. 3. The regalia of members of subordinates shall be as follows, viz :—*Initiates*, white aprons. *First Degree*, white collar and apron. *Second Degree*, same, trimmed with pink. *Third Degree*, same, trimmed with blue. *Fourth Degree*, same, trimmed with green. *Fifth Degree*, same, trimmed with scarlet. Rosetts of appropriate colors may be worn on the collar.

Funeral Badge.

SEC. 4. A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it, a sprig of evergreen, and below it, (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer,) the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear. The *Mourning Badge* to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, shall be a strip of black crape, passed through one button hole only of the left lappel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon, of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer may have attained.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of Conn., }
NEW HAVEN, January 10, 1849. }

In accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, assembled this day at 2 o'clock, P. M., in Semi-Annual Session, and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

M. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, of No. 20, *Grand Master*.
R. W. ALLEN S. WIGHTMAN, of No. 9, *Deputy Grand Master*.
R. W. GEORGE S. SANFORD, of No. 4, *Grand Warden*.
R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, of No. 1, *Grand Secretary*.
R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, of No. 1, *Grand Treasurer*.
R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, of No. 1, *Grand Representative*.
R. W. WILLIAM T. MINOR, of No. 24, *Grand Representative*.
W. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, of No. 16, *Grand Marshall*.

Also, Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The Grand Master appointed Representative Camp, of No. 51, Grand Conductor, *pro tem*; Representative Benedict of No. 21, Grand Guardian, *pro tem*; Representative Abell of No. 12, Grand Chaplain, *pro tem*.

Prayer was then offered by the Rev. Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Master appointed Representative Hall of No. 1, Stanley of No. 5, Landers of No. 52, Committee on Elections.

Also, Utley of No. 12, and Dickinson of No. 20, to fill vacancy on Committee on Finance.

On motion, the Grand Lodge dispensed with the reading of the minutes of its last Annual Session.

The Grand Master filled vacancies in the Committee on the State of the Order, by appointing Representatives Goodman of No. 8, Carrington of No. 15, Donnally of No. 6: to fill vacancies on Committee on Grievances, Representatives Law of No. 21, Barnes of No. 48, Meafoy of No. 35.

The Committee on Elections made the following report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Elections, having attended to the duty assigned them, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT :

That there are present and duly qualified for seats in this Grand Lodge, the following named Representatives elect,—to wit: from

- No. 1,—Edmund B. Barnum.*
- No. 2,—Oliver Woodhouse.*
- No. 4,—William S. Pomeroy,* Israel Kelsey, Philip L. Smith,* G. S. Sanford, Joseph Crosby, C. N. Booth, H. S. Hanford.
- No. 6,—Chipman S. Jackson.*
- No. 9,—Allen D. Smith.*
- No. 10,—Samuel E. Olmstead,* Walter C. Quintard,* Jehiel Gruman.*
- No. 12,—Charles A. Newell.*
- No. 14,—John I. Minor.*
- No. 15,—Edmund B. Cowles,* Calvin N. Hubbard.
- No. 16,—William K. Otis.*
- No. 17,—Edmund F. Havens.*
- No. 18,—Lucius Clark.*
- No. 20,—John S. Dickinson, George K. Stillman, John G. Hayden.
- No. 22,—Samuel Patchen.*
- No. 24,—Joseph P. Tobias,* Robert H. Lockwood.
- No. 25,—A. R. Goodrich.*
- No. 26,—Calvin G. Williams.*
- No. 28,—N. W. Pomeroy.*
- No. 29,—James R. Greenwood.*
- No. 30,—Romulus Hawley.*
- No. 33,—S. Nelson Hall.*
- No. 35,—Philip Wells.*
- No. 36,—Lucius Hine.*
- No. 37,—Thomas Raymond,* Ebenezer Ayres.*
- No. 42,—Samuel T. Salisbury.*
- No. 43,—Orlando Pease.*
- No. 44,—Charles H. Webb.*
- No. 46,—Augustus Lyon.*
- No. 47,—William M. Churchill.*
- No. 50,—George A. Darrow.*
- No. 51,—A. P. P. Camp.
- No. 53,—Ashbel S. Cowles,* George H. Olmsted, H. H. Dickinson.
- No. 55,—Sylvester G. Gilbert.*
- No. 58,—Henry Sturges.*
- No. 60,—William E. Moore.*

Your Committee also report Past Grands David A. Tuttle of No. 56, and Samuel A. Kellogg of No. 57, as without certificates; but being satisfied upon oral testimony of their election, recommend that together with the before mentioned candidates, they be admitted to membership in this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. C. HALL,
W. H. STANLEY, } Committee.
G. M. LANDERS, }

Report accepted, and the several candidates* reported there-

* Those only against whose names are a [*] were present to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

for, were instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and took their seats as duly qualified Representatives of their respective Lodges.

Further report of the same Committee, on the certificate of William H. Banks of No. 7: laid on the table.

The Most Worthy Grand Master made the following report :

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :

Under the protection of a benignant Providence, we are again permitted to convene in Semi-Annual Session, under happy and auspicious circumstances, to legislate for our beloved Fraternity, and to devise measures for its extension and perpetuity.

Ancient usage demands that in fulfilment of the duties of my office, I should here submit to you a summary of my official acts during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

By an amendment of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge passed at our last session, it became my duty to appoint in each town where one or more Lodges existed, a District Deputy Grand Master, whose duty it should be to supervise the interests of the order within his District, install officers, confer degrees, and in cases of doubt determine the construction of the Constitution, laws, and usages. In conformity with this requirement, I forwarded Warrants as soon as practicable after the close of the session, to the following Past Grands, (to wit :)

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| Johamah Gunn, | for the District of | New Haven. |
| Benjamin Stephens, | - - - | Hartford. |
| R. W. Grand Warden Sanford, | - | Bridgeport. |
| Matthew Donnelly, | - - - | Derby. |
| James R. Greenwood, | - - - | Danbury. |
| Jonathan N. Harris, | - - - | New London. |
| Stephen Olmsted | - - - | Norwalk. |
| J. H. H. Roath, | - - - | Norwich. |
| James E. Bidwell, | - - - | Middletown. |
| Stanton Sheffield, | - - - | Stonington. |
| John N. Buckingham, | - - - | Milford. |
| Ralph Williams, | - - - | Windham. |
| John G. Hayden, | - - - | Saybrook. |
| David S. Law, | - - - | Waterbury. |
| Albert Dennison, | - - - | East Windsor. |
| N. P. Pratt, | - - - | Granby. |
| Lorenzo Meeker, | - - - | Stamford. |
| John S. Dobson, | - - - | Manchester. |
| John L. Treat, | - - - | Meriden. |
| Seth L. Wilder, | - - - | Winchester. |
| Henry H. Munroe, | - - - | Redding. |
| Jasper H. Bolton, | - - - | Stafford. |
| Alfred Hall, | - - - | Portland. |
| Daniel D. Fisk, | - - - | Killingly. |
| George Seymour, | - - - | Litchfield. |
| Egbert Mead, | - - - | New Canaan. |
| James Turnbull, | - - - | Simsbury. |

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| Roderick Kendall, for the District of Windsor. | | | |
| Elisha Johnson, | - | - | Plymouth. |
| Silas Chapin, | - | - | Woodbury. |
| John Walker, | - | - | Enfield. |
| James Scott, 2nd, | - | - | Ridgefield. |
| Levi H. Hamblin, | - | - | Bloomfield. |
| Alphonso Barnes, | - | - | Bristol. |
| Edward W. Gillman, | - | - | Vernon. |
| A. P. P. Camp, | - | - | Torrington. |
| George M. Landers, | - | - | Berlin. |
| George H. Olmsted, | - | - | East Hartford. |
| Henry H. Fitch, | - | - | Hebron. |

They have, so far as I am informed, executed the trust committed to them with faithfulness and impartiality, and their official decisions have for the most part been cheerfully complied with by the subordinates under their charge. To the intelligence and ability of these officers, I ascribe very much of the harmony that has prevailed throughout our jurisdiction during the past term.

On the 28th day of July I instituted Bacon Lodge, No. 57, in the Borough of Colchester, presented the Charter granted at our last session, together with the charges and books necessary to its complete organization, and installed into their respective chairs, the following officers; viz: Samuel N. Kellogg, N. G., Thomas Spencer, V. G., Augustus W. Lord, Secretary, and John Holt, Treasurer. On this occasion sixteen highly respectable citizens of Colchester were initiated into Bacon Lodge, upon whom I conferred the five degrees. In these services I was assisted by R. W. Deputy Grand Master Wightman, W. G. Marshall Baldwin, W. G. Conductor Smith, P. G. M. Devotion, D. D. G. M.'s Roath, Harris and Fitch, and fifty Past Grand's, and other members of Marion, Washington, Uncas, Thames, Trumbull, Middlesex, Stonington, and Oweneco Lodges. From the character of the gentlemen admitted to a knowledge of our mysteries on that occasion, it may be confidently anticipated, that Bacon Lodge will take high rank among the Lodges within our jurisdiction.

On the 1st day of August accompanied by P. G. Marshall Johnson, and P. G. Conductor Eldridge, I made an official visit to Lafayette Lodge, Bloomfield. I there found twenty-five brothers of the order, with a respectable fund, prudent, zealous, and deeply imbued with the spirit of Odd Fellowship.

On the day following I proceeded to Unionville in the town of Farmington, where I instituted Unity Lodge, No. 56, presented the Charter granted at the last session, with all necessary books, and installed their first officers. Nine citizens of Farmington were on this occasion received into our order by initiation, upon whom I afterwards conferred the five degrees. I was assisted at this time by P. G. Marshall Johnson, P. G.'s Pratt and Hatfield, of No. 2, Case of No. 47, Barnes of No. 48, and more than forty brothers from neighboring lodges. The first officers of Unity Lodge, are Daniel A. Tuttle, N. G., Henry Tolles, V. G., Riley H. Fuller, Secretary, Phineas B. Goodwin, Treasurer. From the interest manifested by the members of this new Lodge, we may hope that it will ere long become an efficient branch of our Order.

On the 14th day of August, attended by the Grand Marshal, I made an official visit to Washington Lodge, in the Borough of Willimantic. I there found one hundred and four members, with a commodious Hall, newly furnished in a tasteful manner, and witnessed the ceremony of initiation

performed to my entire satisfaction. This Lodge has a fund of four hundred and seventeen dollars, well invested, and is in a thriving condition. I conferred at that time the past official degree pertaining to the office of V. G., upon P. G. William L. King.

On the 22d of the same month, I executed a certificate for brother Joseph Carroll, of Oakland Lodge, No. 25, who had been recently afflicted in a most distressing manner, commending him to the fraternal sympathy and assistance of the brothers throughout the State.

On the 5th day of September, assisted by R. W. Grand Warden Sanford, P. G. Booth, of No. 4, and thirty five Past Grand's, and other members of Pequannock, Our Brothers, and Arcanum Lodges, I instituted Southport Lodge, No. 58, in the Borough of Southport, town of Fairfield. After the presentation of the Charter, with all necessary instruction, I installed the following officers, viz: Henry Sturges, N. G., Francis Jelliff, V. G., William Sherwood, Secretary, Charles W. Sherman, Treasurer. On this occasion seven persons were admitted to our Order by initiation, whose standing in that community must command for this new Lodge character and respect.

On the 7th of the same month I proceeded in company with R. W. Grand Warden Sanford and Past Grand Booth of No. 4, to Falls Village in the town of Canaan, where I instituted Vulcan Lodge, No. 60. After presenting their Charter and investing them with all needful instruction, I installed into their chairs the following officers,—William E. Moore, N. G., Sherman Jaqua, V. G., William H. Crossman, Recording Secretary, Charles H. Babcock, Treasurer, Henry Hervey, Permanent Secretary. Eight persons were on this occasion initiated, upon whom, with the assistance of the R. W. Grand Warden, I conferred the five degrees; a number of brothers were present at these services from Lodges in the vicinity. On the following day I conferred upon brother William E. Moore, a Past Secretary, and Past V. G. of Tocconnuc Lodge, the degrees pertaining to those offices.

On the 13th of the same month, by invitation of Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, I officiated at the dedication of their Hall. In this interesting ceremony, I was gratified with the assistance of Past Grands, Hawkins, Donnally and Wallace, of No. 6, Treat of No. 28, Seymour of No. 35, Chapin of No. 44, Barnes of No. 48, and Camp of No. 51. This Hall is ample in its dimensions, furnished with richness and elegance, and in the tasteful beauty of its decorations, it has few equals.

On the 16th of the same month, I issued a special dispensation to R. W. Grand Warden Sanford, clothing him with full authority to institute Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, in the town of Brookfield, and present the Charter granted at our last session. By the returns of that officer, I learned that the Lodge was instituted on the 21st day of September. The Grand Warden was aided in this ceremony by about forty brothers from Danbury, Bethel and Bridgeport. Thirteen candidates were initiated, who also received the five degrees. The Grand Warden closes his official returns in the following words; "It affords me much pleasure to inform you that the zeal manifested by the petitioners, the kindly feeling entertained by the citizens towards the institution, and the high respectability of all concerned, bespeak for this Lodge the most happy results."

All the new Lodges before mentioned, were informed that their first term would close with the last meeting in December.

On the 20th day of September, I made an official visit to Naw Kaw

Lodge, Wolcottville. I there found forty-four brothers deeply interested in Odd Fellowship, who by a careful performance of the duties enjoined upon them, have commended our institution to the community in which they dwell, and have secured for it popular approval. It was my privilege to unite with this Lodge in the appropriate exercises of their first anniversary, and to address a crowded congregation upon the objects and utility of our institution. On the same day, I conferred the Past Official Degrees pertaining to the offices of Secretary, V. G. and N. G., upon Past Grand's Camp and Richards, those of Secretary and V. G. upon brother A. G. Bradford, and that of Secretary, upon Past Secretary Brady, all of Naw Kaw Lodge.

On the 5th day of October, I made an official visit to Fenwick Lodge, No. 20.

On the 14th of the same month, I received a petition from brothers John H. Welch, Benjamin G. Loomis, William S. Nash, Henry Smith and Ruel Rice, all residing in New Hartford, in Litchfield County, praying for a dispensation for a Lodge in said town. All the preliminary requisites having been complied with, and recommendations forwarded me from the two Lodges nearest the seat of the contemplated Lodge, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the District of Winchester, having recommended the applicants as every way worthy and capable of assuming the charge of a new Lodge, I submitted the matter to the Executive Council for their advice, and upon their favorable decision, I issued a dispensation subject to your approval, and on the 27th of October instituted the Lodge in ample form, under the style and title of Excelesior Lodge, No. 61, and installed its officers. After this ceremony, eight respectable citizens of that town, were received into the order by initiation, upon three of whom I conferred the five Degrees. The first officers of this new colony of brothers, are William S. Nash, N. G., Benjamin G. Loomis, V. G., John H. Welch, Secretary, Daniel S. Bird, Treasurer. The first term of this Lodge was directed to extend to the last meeting in June next. I would respectfully recommend that their dispensation be confirmed by a Charter.

On the 25th day of October, I was present and participated in the exercises of the anniversary of the institution of Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6, for which occasion I granted the use of the Grand Lodge Banner; and in the evening of that day, I officially visited the Lodge. I was here most cordially greeted by the members of this old and flourishing subordinate, who by their firm and steady adherence to the principles of our brotherhood, have commended our order to the community in the midst of which it flourishes so well, and by their dignified yet conciliating course have compelled our opposers to acknowledge the beauty and reality of our professions. At this time I conferred all the Past Official Degrees upon brothers Bradley, Lindley, and A. Hawkins, Past Grands of No. 6. On the following day I gave my consent to the issuing of a circular to each of the Lodges within this State, soliciting funds for the use of Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey; I did this at the *implied* direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and not from any convictions of my own, either of its propriety or expediency.

On the 4th of December, I made a grand visitation to Quinpiac and Montawese Lodges, in this city. The character of both these Lodges is too well known, to need any remark from me; both are eminently prosperous and successful. On this occasion, I was gratified with the compa-

ny of Past Grand Masters Bradley and Demick, Grand Secretary Heitmann, and Grand Representative Thomas.

On the day following, I had the pleasure of uniting with the brothers of Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, in their first anniversary.

On the evening of that day, I made an official visit to Phenix Lodge, No. 52, at New Britain; I found this Lodge in a flourishing condition, and witnessed the ceremony of initiation with much satisfaction. The kind attentions which I received on this day from P. G. Landers, and other members of both these Lodges, will long be held in grateful remembrance.

On the 26th of the same month, I received a petition from five brothers, residing in Plainville, in the town of Farmington, for a Dispensation for a Lodge in that village.

On the 9th day of January, I received a petition from six brothers residing in Guilford, for a Lodge to be located in that town: and on the same day I received a petition, from six brothers residing in Ansonia, in the town of Derby, praying for a Dispensation for a Lodge in that place.

These petitions with the accompanying documents, are herewith submitted to you for action.

I have thus, as briefly a practicable, laid before you, an account of my official acts, during the past term. Some very important measures, important as affecting the vital interests of our fraternity, are to come before you at this session, for which I bespeak your patient and candid deliberation. The special Committee, appointed at our last session, to take into consideration, the subject of the benefits and expenses of Subordinate Lodges, have devoted much time to gathering and examining statistics, and are prepared to submit to you an able report; I commend it to your attention, being fully convinced that unless measures are adopted for the protection of the funds of our Lodges, the solemn pledges which we have given to "relieve the distressed, bury the dead, and educate the orphan," must soon go unredeemed.

Other Committees are, I am informed, prepared with reports, the result of great labor, which will also, I trust, receive the attention they merit.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a Committee was appointed to prepare and report at the next annual session of that Body, a form of Constitution, which should be binding on all Grand Lodges.

The imposition of a Constitution upon any Grand Body, by the Grand Lodge of the United States, seems to me an unwarrantable assumption of authority virtually annulling the power granted a State Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to frame and adopt its own laws, and productive of much inconvenience and injustice.

If such should be your opinion, I would recommend that this Grand Lodge protest against any such interference in legislation, which should be peculiarly our own, the benefits of which *could not* be so great, as the injustice which must inevitably result.

I would call your attention to the fact, that when Past Grands, change their membership from one Lodge to another, there is no means by which the fact may become known to the Grand Secretary, unless by very minute investigation of the reports—and those reports, are as a general thing, very imperfect. I would suggest that it be made the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge to report to the Grand Secretary the names of all the Past Grands belonging to his Lodge and of all the changes made during each term.

It has for some time, seemed to me, that the seal of our Grand Lodge, was peculiarly inexpressive, and illy adapted to the use for which it is design-

ed. If Representatives present should be of similar opinion, I would suggest that a Committee be raised to procure a new seal, and one which shall be a better indication of the meaning, and objects of this Right Worthy Body.

In some of the Lodges which I have visited, I have noticed with much satisfaction, that no books are used by officers in the delivery of their respective charges: the increased effect proved by this change, induces me to advise the same course among all the subordinates throughout our jurisdiction.

My brothers, I dismiss you to your work, with the earnest hope, that He to whom "all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid," will so direct your hearts, and strengthen your hands, that by the labors of the present session, our beloved Fraternity may enlarge and extend to the glory of God, and the benefit of man.

JUNIUS MARSHALL WILLEY,

New Haven, Jan. 10, 1849.

Grand Master.

On motion, the foregoing report was referred to a Select Committee, viz: Representatives Baldwin of No. 16, Williams of No. 26, Stillman of No. 20.

Report of Committee on the State of the Order—as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, have attended to the duties of their appointment, and beg leave to offer their

REPORT:

The Committee find the Semi-Annual reports of the various Lodges correct, with the following exceptions, viz: Wopowage Lodge, No 14, reports five initiated,—due Grand Lodge, \$7. Returns of Lodges No. 28, 30, 32, 38, 40, 46, 51, 53, and 60, incorrect in report of Degree members. Lafayette Lodge, No. 47, report eight initiated,—due Grand Lodge, \$13. Pequabock Lodge, No. 48, has omitted in its report the name of a member suspended. Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, has omitted the names of brothers admitted by card. The report of Nazarene Lodge, No. 32, is without the seal of the Lodge.

No reports have been received from Lodges No. 5, 7, 11, 16, 17, 19, 26, 27, 29, 31, 34, 39, 45, 49, 50, 52 and 54.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| A. C. GOODMAN, | } Committee. |
| JAS. H. CARRINGTON, | |
| M. DONNALLY, | |
| J. G. HAYDEN, | |

Report accepted.

The Select Committee, on the report of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report, which was accepted:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, respectfully recommend that Select Committees of three members for each, be appointed upon the following subjects, to wit:

Upon so much of said report as relates to Charters for new Lodges ;

Upon so much as relates to the action of the G. L. U. S. upon a uniform Constitution for State Grand Lodges ;

Upon so much as relates to Returns to the Grand Secretary ;

Upon so much as relates to a Seal for this Grand Lodge ;

Upon so much as relates to the use of Working-Books by Officers of Subordinates.

The Grand Treasurer made his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance :—

Motion by Representative Heitmann, that the Committee on Finance be instructed to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary, from July, 1848, to the present time ; carried.

The Chair appointed the following Select Committees on the Grand Master's Report :

On so much thereof as relates to Charters for new Lodges,—Thomas of No. 1, Dickinson of No. 20, Sturges of No. 58.

On so much as relates to the action of the G. L. U. S., upon a uniform Constitution for State Grand Lodges,—Peck of No. 5, Palmer of No. 3, Thrall of No. 22.

On so much as relates to Returns to the Grand Secretary,—Heitmann of No. 1, Wildman of No. 1, Booth of No. 4.

On so much as relates to a Seal for this Grand Lodge,—Crowell of No. 15, Sanford of No. 4, Frederick P. Gorham, of No. 1.

On so much as relates to the use of Working-Books by Officers of Subordinates,—Demick of No. 1, Wallace of No. 6, Welles of No. 40.

The following bills were read and referred to the Committee on Finance :

J. M. Willey, \$10.00, do. \$12.50 ; A. S. Wightman, \$8.00 ; L. E. Baldwin, \$10.00 ; G. S. Sanford, \$4.50 ; S. G. Gilbert, \$1 00 ; S. Bishop, \$11.00, do. \$2.75 ; F. P. Gorham, \$135.00 ; William H. Stanley, \$109.72 ; Crowell & Jewett, \$3.44 ; S. Ford, \$5.00 ; Bassett & Bradley, \$6.50 ; A. C. Heitmann, \$7.85, do. Grand Secretary, \$92.52.

Appeal of Peter W. Bulkly, of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4 ;

Appeal of W. A. Smith, of Franklin Lodge, No. 42 ;

Appeal of S. T. Salisbury, also of Franklin Lodge, No. 42 ;

Appeal of Ousatonick Lodge, No. 6, from a decision of D. D. G. M. Donnally ; referred to the Committee on Grievances.

Communication from Ousatonic Lodge, No. 6; referred to the Select Committee on Charters for New Lodges.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, P. M.

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*January 10th, 1849, 7 o'clock, P. M.*

The Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment, and came to order.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution accompanying it passed :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, whose duty it is to examine and report to this R. W. body all By-Laws and alterations of By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to

REPORT:

That they have examined the proposed amendments of the By-Laws of Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, Nosahogan Lodge, No. 21, Freestone Lodge, No. 33, Wooster Lodge, No. 37, Tunxis Lodge, No. 38, Bethel Rock Lodge, No. 44, and the By-Laws of Phenix Lodge, No. 52, and Southport Lodge, No. 53, and approve the same, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. C. GOODMAN,  
M. DONNALLY, } *Committee.*  
J. G. HAYDEN,

*Resolved*, That the amendments of the By-Laws of Fenwick Lodge, No. 20, Nosahogan, No. 21, Freestone, No. 33, Wooster, No. 37, Tunxis, No. 38, Bethel Rock, No. 44, and the By-Laws of Phenix Lodge, No. 52, and Southport Lodge, No. 53, be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

It having been announced that P. G. S. Kennedy and several other brothers, late of the Grand Lodge of New York, would visit the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, this evening, the Grand Master appointed as a committee of reception—Representatives Thomas of No. 1, Minor of No. 24, Abell of No. 12, Bishop of No. 1, and Brewer of No. 11.

Certificate of Wm. H. Banks, Representative elect of No.

7; taken up, and, on motion, the candidate was instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and admitted to a seat.

The Grand Representatives made their report.

#### REPORT:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut.*

The undersigned, Grand Representatives from this Grand body to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, having attended the annual communication of that body, in September last, herewith submit their report, with an abstract of such proceedings as are important to be known in this jurisdiction.

With great deference to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and respect for its officers and members, yet your Representatives look with anxiety and distrust upon the growing disposition evinced, to claim for itself a despotic and unlimited power over those Grand bodies, whom its own laws have declared to be "the supreme legislative heads of the order within their respective jurisdictions."

The Grand Sire having recommended in his annual report that the State Grand bodies be prohibited from amending the Constitutions now existing, and that new Constitutions be framed and imposed upon them for their future government, the claim was freely put forth in debate by Past Grand Sires, and other prominent members, that no power or right had been delegated to State Grand bodies by their charters, which might not at any time be annulled or resumed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolutions offered at a previous session, simply setting forth the claim that Subordinate Lodges and State Grand Lodges *do* possess certain rights, of which they cannot lawfully be divested—and that a limit *does* exist to the power of the Grand Lodge of the United States, came up for consideration, and after debate upon the principle involved, were rejected; and thus the claims set forth by the Grand Sire were sustained. Accordingly, the measures recommended, of restricting Grand bodies from altering their Constitutions, and appointing a Committee to draft a Constitution to be imposed on State jurisdictions prevailed, and resolutions were adopted to carry them into effect. These were succeeded by two resolutions,—one upon the instruction of Grand Representatives, declaring that the Grand Lodge of the United States "*deems the doctrine of instruction in matters of interest to the entire Order throughout this jurisdiction as highly inexpedient,*" and the other,—striking out the requirement, "*that they shall faithfully represent the interests and wishes of their Grand body,*" which exists in the Constitutions of nearly all our Grand bodies: and the reason set forth is, "that it is not competent for any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to restrict the rights, conferred by the laws and usages of the Order upon the members of the Lodge." [Grand Lodge of the United States.]

Should these measures be ultimately carried out, a Constitution changing our laws and usages be forced upon us, and we prevented from instructing our Representatives, thus excluding the freedom of speech from the national councils—the last vestige of the right of self-government in Odd-Fellowship, the pride of all other institutions under which we live, will have passed away.

But the claim of unlimited power by the Grand Lodge of the United States is of very recent date, as is apparent from the following facts:—

The Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the Uni-

ted States, in 1821, claimed no jurisdiction except in the provisions of its written Constitution, which related entirely to its own government, and all amendments were required to be sent to the State Grand Lodges before they could be passed. (ART. 3.)

The Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, on its separation from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in 1824, contains the same requirement, and makes no claim of jurisdiction. (ART. 3.) And after its adoption it was "*ORDERED, that a copy be forwarded within one month to each of the Grand Lodges for concurrence.*"

In 1828 the Grand Lodge of the United States revised its Constitution, and it was "*referred for consideration to the several Grand Lodges,*" before its adoption in 1829. No claim of jurisdiction over State Grand Lodges, appears there, and the last article requires all amendments to it to be sent to the Grand Lodges before their adoption.

It was not till a centralizing influence began to be felt, in 1833, that the words "*original and exclusive jurisdiction,*" were inserted, and the concurrence of State Grand Lodge in its constitutional amendments were left out; and at the same time a perpetual seat was granted to Past Grand Sires.

But even at that time the idea was never entertained that the Grand Lodge of the United States possessed any right to interfere in the legislation of State jurisdictions, or to revise their Constitutions or laws, for in 1834, on the presentation of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, the Grand Lodge of the United States questioned the style then in common use (O. of I. O. F.) whereupon the Grand Representative from that State, James L. Ridgley entered his "*protest against the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to interfere with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.*" And at the next session, the Grand Lodge of Ohio reiterated the protest by resolutions, which were received and entered on the Journal, and the Grand Lodge of the United States tacitly acquiesced in its correctness by taking no action thereon.

In 1840 the Grand Lodge of Ohio, in an official communication, protesting against the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in granting certain dispensations within her jurisdiction, put forth the following claim. "*The Charter of this Grand Lodge delegates all power in the government of members in this State to this Grand Lodge,*" and accompanied it with the following pertinent question: "*Has the Grand Lodge of the United States the supreme dispensing power over the State Grand Lodges?*" These points were referred to a Committee, and subsequently to the Grand Sire, neither of whom appear to have been willing to deny the one, or answer the other affirmatively, and thus the matter was left.

From 1834 to 1842, a period of eight years, no Constitution of a State Grand body was presented, nor is the subject referred to. And when in the year last named the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina was presented, it was simply ordered "*to be deposited in the office of the Grand Secretary,*" without any reference or examination. Nor was it until 1844, just twenty years after the organization of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that it presumed to call in question the Constitutional enactment of any State Grand body; while within the last four years, the progress of absolutism has been so rapid, that if we admit the claims now put forth, there will not be left a shadow of the rights of the State jurisdictions.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the Past Grand Sires, and that portion of the Order resident near the seat of govern-

ment, having a mutual interest in controlling its offices, honours and emoluments, have grown into a central power, to whom all must succumb who look forward to eminence or influence;—a power growing stronger and stronger so long as it is unresisted; and unless the State bodies rise up and assert their rights, and restrict the power of the central government, our organization must fail, from the monstrous absurdity of endeavouring to perpetuate a despotism in a free State, with a thousand free institutions around it.

Your Representatives believe that the feature of the Grand Lodge of the United States which confers upon Past Grand Sires a perpetual seat and vote in that body, irresponsible to any constituency, is liable to many objections. It renders representation unequal; giving to those States in which Past Grand Sires reside, a great preponderance in the supreme councils of the Order. Nor is this all; to secure so unjust an advantage, the election of a head of the Order, is at least liable to be decided by sectional interests, irrespective of higher and more liberal considerations.

Your Representatives believe that the organization of the different branches of our Order has an analogy in the State and General Governments under which we live. They believe that the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are but the conceded powers of the State bodies,—that those powers should be expressly defined by written law—and that all attempts to go beyond its letter should be strenuously resisted.

Your Representatives believe that this Grand Lodge ought, in justice to itself and its constituency, to enter its solemn protest, not only against the claim of the Grand Lodge of the United States to abrogate its Constitution and restrict its rightful legislation, on questions relating to its internal government, but also against allowing a privileged and irresponsible class to retain powers, which of right should belong alone to the Representatives of State jurisdictions.

Your Representatives recommend that this Grand Lodge give to the subject a serious consideration, and express such opinions thereon as will enable your Representatives to act in accordance with the will of this body.

After the trouble and expense which the Order at large had incurred in conforming to the law regulating the *funeral badge*, your Representatives were surprised to find that in the city of Baltimore, the metropolis of Odd Fellowship, the law was entirely disregarded; and that at funerals the brothers appeared in full dress regalia, and without the prescribed badge. It was claimed by the Representatives of Maryland, when the usage was questioned, that as the Order in that State, had so long been accustomed to appear in full regalia, their feelings ought to be considered, and that they should be exempted from the general law. For their accommodation, the following resolution was adopted: [p. 39,] “*Resolved*, That the regalia prescribed by the Order as Odd Fellows’ regalia, may be worn instead of, or in connection with the funeral regalia prescribed by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as the respective State Grand Lodges and Encampments may determine. Of course, therefore, the various portions of the Order may be considered at liberty to follow their own customs.

But it is on the condition of affairs in the State of New York, and the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States thereon, that your Representatives look with the most profound concern, as showing that a small but factious and unscrupulous minority may, by management, finesse and intrigue, defeat the will and set aside the doings of a large majority, however fair, and honest, and legal, may be their acts.

That portion of the Order in the State of New York, resident out of the city, had long suffered under the iron rule of a minority resident in the city of New York, who by means of the great number of Past Grands who could at any time be called together, were enabled to defeat any proposed measure to ameliorate the evils under which the rest of the Order were suffering. They protracted their sessions from week to week, thereby preventing the Representatives of Lodges remotely situated from participating in the legislation, and thus defrauding them of their just rights. After many fruitless attempts at reform, a revision of the Constitution was procured in legal form, and was only prevented from being adopted by the assumption, on the part of the Grand Master, of powers superior to the Grand Lodge, and sustaining himself therein by refusing to put to the Grand Lodge any appeal from his own decision.

These assumed powers by the Grand Master, were, upon appeal, set aside by the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its communication in September, 1847; and the Grand Lodge of New York was, by special resolution, authorized to take up, at the November Session of 1847, the Constitution which the unwarrantable assumption of power by the Grand Master had defeated, "*and act upon the same, with full power to adopt, or reject, or amend and adopt:*" and it was further declared that "*if at that time the proposed Constitution be adopted, it will become the law of the Order.*"

Accordingly, at the November Session, 1847, the said Constitution, with various amendments incorporated, was laid before the Grand Lodge of New York, in printed form, and copies furnished to all the members of the Grand Lodge: after a whole day's adjournment, to give all an opportunity of being conversant therewith, it came up for adoption; when, by a call of the previous question, the Constitution was adopted by the large vote of 202 to 77.

Various enactments were made by the Grand Lodge, for carrying the new code of laws into immediate effect, and the session closed with the full conviction that the whole matter was finally settled. On the first of December, 1847, nearly a month after the close of the session, during which time the Grand Lodge and the whole Order had been acting under the new Constitution, the Grand Master again assumed to place himself superior to the Grand Lodge, and issued a proclamation prohibiting the new Constitution from going into operation, and ordering the old to be substituted in its place, until such time as the Grand Lodge of the United States should approve of the new one. Notwithstanding, a special act of the Grand Lodge of the United States had declared that *if at that time the said Constitution should be adopted, it should become the law of the Order*, and notwithstanding also a general law upon the same subject, [Digest, p. 42,] providing that "in the interval between the adoption of the Constitution or amendment, and its confirmation by the Grand Lodge of the United States, it is binding on the body by which it is adopted."

This assumption of power, so manifestly calculated to defeat the will of the majority in the State, was entirely unheeded by all except those who were resolved to defeat reform in the State at all hazards.

The Grand Sire, under whose sanction the aforesaid proclamation had been issued, was now appealed to by the adherents of the new Constitution, to call a special session of the Grand Lodge of the United States. But claiming to be umpire in the matter, he declined this course and created a commission to assist him in his conclusions.

The right of any individual or body, except the Grand Lodge of the United States, to interfere in the affairs of their State jurisdiction having been denied by the adherents of the new Constitution, the commission proceeded to take the *ex parte* testimony laid before them by the Grand Master and his partizans, and reported thereon. But they arrived at a different conclusion from the one previously announced by the Grand Master and the Grand Sire, and set forth that the Constitution had *not* been adopted: and the reasons for that conclusion are most extraordinary. They claim that the Grand Lodge of New York was authorized to take up a special form of Constitution, and amend and adopt it. But that that Constitution when amended was not the identical Constitution they were authorized to amend and adopt, but a different one, because amended, and therefore not within the meaning of the law. And thereupon the Grand Sire decided that the new Constitution was not adopted, although he had once admitted the contrary. In this situation the subject came before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and was referred to a committee, who after occupying the whole week in its investigation, presented at the very close of the session, two reports, embodying different and adverse conclusions; the one, a majority report, concurring with the views of the commission, and the other, the minority, claiming that the adherents of the new Constitution were the legal and proper portion of the order. The Grand Lodge decided with the former, and the Grand Representatives representing the minority of the State were admitted to seats.

Your Representatives do not wish to charge any intentional wrong in any transaction before the Grand Lodge of the United States. But they do believe that the rights of the jurisdiction of New York have been violated, and that unless the decision be *reversed*, but little confidence can be placed on the wisdom or justice of the Grand Lodge of the United States. For if the solemn action of a State Grand Lodge can be set aside upon so frail a pretext, no permanency can be predicated on the action of any such body, and no certainty held out to Subordinates that they are bound to obey its mandates, since a faction can at any time frustrate the action of such Grand Lodge.

Your representatives believe that the Grand Sire transcended his powers, in attempting to revise the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of New York, and also in appointing a commission for that purpose. Nor do they believe that the Grand Lodge of the United States, had any power to interfere in the vote officially declared by the Grand Lodge of New York. They believe that the Grand Lodge of New York, were of right the sole judges of their rules of order. That the Grand Lodge of the United States having conceded to that body the right to take up and amend and adopt a form of Constitution had no further jurisdiction, and had no right to revise the rules and usages by which it was adopted. We commend the subject to your earnest consideration.

The Committee on Constitutions, amended the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting the word "*and*" between the words "*Lodge*" and "*regularly*," in Sec. 1, ART. I, which renders the sentence unintelligible; and the words, "*but Past Grand's in good standing, members of Subordinates of the [Grand] Lodge shall be entitled to attend the sessions, and vote for the election of officers,*" at the end of Sec. 1, ART. II; a privilege to which they were already entitled.

The following resolutions were also adopted.



*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Scribe of each Encampment to furnish to the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge a list of the members of said Lodge, who are also members of such Encampment, and that it shall be the duty of each Secretary to advise each Scribe, within a reasonable time of the granting of a withdrawal card to any member of his Lodge, who is also a member of such Encampment; and also of the suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement of any such member.

*Resolved*, That it is imperative upon all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to furnish the officers of their respective Lodges and Encampments with the Jewels appertaining to their rank and station, as laid down in the work of the order, on page 28 and 9, as it is for members thereof to be clothed in suitable regalia.

It was also decided that in the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and all Past Grands, a Noble Grand was competent to install his successor. Also, that a Card issued by the Grand Lodge of British North America is valid in the United States, and is to be treated in the same manner as those issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your Representatives avail themselves of the opportunity of expressing their sense of the courtesy and kindness received from the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, entertaining for them a high regard, however much they may differ from some of them in opinion.

LUCIUS A. THOMAS,  
WILLIAM T. MINOR.

On motion, the foregoing report was referred to a Select Committee of three. The Chair appointed Representatives Palmer of No. 3, Brewer of No. 11, and Peck of No. 5.

Appeal of H. D. Smith of No. 5; referred to Committee on Grievances.

The Committee on the State of the Order, reported that the Semi-Annual Report of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, was correct; accepted.

Report of the Committee on Finance on the Grand Treasurer's report, showing the same to be correct; accepted.

Report of the same Committee on Mileage, by resolution, as follows:

The Committee on Finance respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

WILLIAM MEEKER, *Chairman of Committee.*

*Resolved*, That the respective sums hereinafter named be established as the rates of Mileage, to wit: From

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| Unity Lodge, No 56,      | - | - | - | - | \$5.00 |
| Bacon Lodge, No. 57,     | - | - | - | - | 8.00   |
| Southport Lodge, No. 58, | - | - | - | - | 4.50   |
| Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, | - | - | - | - | 5.50   |
| Vulcan Lodge, No. 60.    | - | - | - | - | 7.50   |
| Excelsior Lodge, No. 61, | - | - | - | - | 6.50   |

Resolution of the Committee passed.

Bills of G. L. U. S., for books and cards; referred to Grand Secretary, with instructions to draw on Treasurer, when adjusted.

Representative Palmer of No. 3, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That section 5th of Article II. of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On a motion for an indefinite postponement of the aforesaid resolution, the vote was required to be taken by Lodges, —when it appeared that eleven Lodges were in the affirmative, thirty in the negative, and one divided ; motion lost.

The question recurring on the passage of the resolution, the following amendment was offered :

“ Any person wishing to become a member of this Order, may be initiated in the Lodge nearest his residence.”

A motion for indefinite postponement of the amendment was made and lost.

The previous question on the amendment was now moved and passed, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The Committee of Reception introduced the visiting brothers from New York, who were invited to honorary seats in the Grand Lodge.

Report of Select Committee :—

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's communication as relates to working in Subordinate Lodges without the use of books, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they fully concur in opinion with the M. W. Grand Master, that a much greater interest is imparted to the work by committing to memory the several portions of the lectures, charges and duties, appertaining to the respective offices of a Subordinate Lodge, so as to enable the Officers to deliver the same without the use of books. They, therefore, offer the following resolution for consideration :—

On behalf of the Committee,

P. DEMICK, *Chairman*.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recommend to each Subordinate, under its jurisdiction, the passage of a By-Law, requiring each of its Officers to commit to memory, within a reasonable time, so much of the lectures, charges, or other portions of the work, as the duties of his office require him to deliver.

By special invitation, P. G. S. Kennedy addressed the Grand Lodge ; upon which, a vote of thanks to the said Past Grand Sire was passed.

Further report of the Committee on the State of the Order :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order

REPORT :

That they have examined the proposed amendment of the By-Laws of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, and the By-Laws of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, Unity Lodge, No. 56, and Bacon Lodge, No. 57, and finding them correct, recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution :

A. C. GOODMAN, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the amendment of the By-Laws of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, and the By-Laws of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, Unity Lodge, No. 56, and Bacon Lodge, No. 57, be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

Further report of the same Committee :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order, respectfully

REPORT :

That they have examined the By-Laws of Washington Lodge, No. 16, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, which they beg to submit.

A. C. GOODMAN, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That Washington Lodge, No. 16, be requested to amend Section 2d, Article IV. of their By-Laws, so as not to conflict with Section 4th, Article X. of the Constitution for Subordinate Lodges; and that, when so amended, they be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

The following resolution, after an ineffectual motion to lay it on the table, was passed :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay over to the Representatives the amount due for Mileage, on application therefor, to-morrow morning, after the opening of the Grand Lodge.

Representative Williams of No. 26, asked leave of absence for the remainder of the session ; which was granted.

Motion for adjournment to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning, amended by substituting 9 for 8 o'clock ; amendment lost, and original motion carried.

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Thursday Morning, Jan. 11th.

The Grand Lodge convened pursuant to adjournment and was called to order.

On motion, the resolution rescinding Section 5th, Article II.

of the Constitution for Subordinates, passed yesterday, was reconsidered.

Representative Palmer of No. 3, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the resolution; when the following substitute for said Section was offered and adopted:

Candidates for admission, either by card or initiation, may be admitted either in the town where they reside, or at the nearest Lodge to their residence.

The Select Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Master's report as relates to Returns, made to the Grand Secretary, reported, by resolution, as follows: which was passed.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Subordinate Lodge, to make a separate report to the Grand Secretary, of the names of all the Past Grands of his Lodge who are in good standing—those who have been elected Representatives, and also of those Past Grands who have ceased to be members during the term for which the report is made.

Representative Abell of No. 12, offered the following:

Resolved, That the several Subordinate Lodges be hereafter required to pay the postage on the notices of rejection, suspension and expulsion, which they cause to be sent to other Lodges, and that they be further required to pre-pay postages on their communications with each other, and with the Grand Lodge,

Resolved, That the Grand Officers be required to pre-pay the postage on all official communications made to Subordinate Lodges within this jurisdiction.

Resolutions passed.

Resolved, That Farmers and Mechanics Lodge, No. 22, be allowed to reinstate John O'Donal, an expelled member.

Amendment to Article VI. Section 1st, of the Constitution, submitted at the last session, (published proceedings, p. 401,) was, on motion, taken up. Moved that the subject be laid on the table and made the special order for 10½ o'clock; lost.

On motion, the whole subject was indefinitely postponed.

Resolution to amend Article II. Section 1st. of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, so as to make the minimum fee for initiation, ten dollars; indefinitely postponed.

Resolution concerning Postage; lost.

Report of the Committee on Grievances:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of

brother Peter W. Bulkly, of Pequannock Lodge, No. 4, have had the subject under consideration, and are of the opinion that Pequannock Lodge was justified in its decision.

All of which is respectfully submitted, per order of the Committee.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

- *To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother S. T. Salisbury, of Franklin Lodge, No. 42, for refusing to grant him a three weeks' benefit, have had the case under consideration, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted, per order of the Committee.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That Franklin Lodge, No. 42, in refusing to grant brother S. T. Salisbury three weeks' benefit, be sustained in the decision.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

Report of same Committee on the appeal of H. D. Smith, of No. 5; re-committed to the Committee, on account of informality—report corrected and submitted as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother H. D. Smith, of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, refusing to grant him a funeral benefit on the death of his wife, have investigated the case, and are of the opinion that Harmony Lodge was correct in its decision. They, therefore, submit the following resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge:

By order of the Committee.

H. N. HAWKINS, *Chairman pro tem*.

Resolved, That brother H. D. Smith have leave to withdraw his petition.

Report accepted and resolution passed.

Representative Brewer of No. 11, on the part of the Select Committee appointed at the Annual Session, (published Jour. p. 403,) for the purpose of collecting Statistics on the subject of Lodge benefits, which said Committee was ordered to report at the present Session, reported that the Committee had been unable satisfactorily to discharge the duties whereto it was appointed, and asked to be continued; leave of continuance granted.

Report of Select Committee as follows; accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee, upon so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as relates to the Seal of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to

REPORT :

That the time allowed at the present session will not be sufficient for them to give the subject that attention that its importance demands. They, therefore, request that they be allowed to report at the next session.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. S. SANFORD, *Chairman.*

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives, presented the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have had the subject under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following

REPORT :

That the matters brought to the attention of this Grand Lodge, by the report of our R. W. Grand Representatives, are in the opinion of your Committee of vital importance to the cause of Odd Fellowship, and upon their final adjustment the permanence and usefulness of our Order mainly depends. They may be briefly stated as follows :—

1. The right claimed by the Grand Lodge of the United States to alter and control the Constitutions of State Grand Lodges at pleasure.

2. The power now exercised by Past Grand Sires to sit as life members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to exercise all the rights and privileges of Representatives of State Grand Lodges, thereby creating a great irresponsible central influence, controlling the actions and funds of the Order throughout the United States.

3. The action of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, by which the will of a great majority of the Lodges of that State, legally expressed, was set aside, and an immaterial point made of more importance than the harmony and usefulness of the Order throughout that jurisdiction.

4. The denial by the Grand Lodge of the United States of the right of State Grand Lodges to instruct their Representatives in matters pertaining to the general interests of the Order.

Upon each of these subjects, in the opinion of your Committee, it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to express its opinion. Without entering into detail upon these points, (a mere statement of which, in the opinion of your Committee, precludes the necessity of argument,) they recommend that the report of your Grand Representatives be accepted, approved, and ordered to be entered at length on the Journal of this Grand Lodge, and that the following resolutions be adopted.

Resolved, That the right claimed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, to alter and control the Constitution of State Grand Lodges, at will, is an assumption of power which strikes at the very life of State Grand Lodges, making their existence useless, and their action futile, and would, if exercised, overthrow the Order in this State; and further that it is highly important that the distinct and separate powers of the Grand Lodge of

the United States and of State Grand Lodges, should be correctly defined and made a fundamental law of the Order, only to be changed by consent of a majority of the State Grand Lodges.

Resolved, That the power exercised by Past Grand Sires, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, has already been justly the cause of great complaint, and if the power is continued, the time is not far distant when their votes alone will be sufficient to control the action of the Order throughout the United States, and that it is due to the harmony and prosperity of Odd Fellowship, that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States should be so altered, as no longer to allow them a vote in that body.

Resolved, That the Constitution adopted by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, at its November session in 1847, was duly and legally enacted under the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and became the fundamental law of the Order in that State, and that the subsequent action of the Grand Lodge of the United States was in violation of the authority expressly delegated to that jurisdiction, and subversive of the best interests of the Order.

Resolved, That the denial by the Grand Lodge of the United States, of the right of State Grand Lodges to instruct their Representatives in matters pertaining to the general interests of the Order, is at variance with all our ideas of representation, and that with due deference to the opinion expressed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, we shall exercise that power, and hold our Representatives to a strict accountability.

J. C. PALMER,
LUCIUS G. PECK,
WILLIAM L. BREWER, } Committee.

Report accepted—resolution passed; and the whole ordered to be entered on the records.

On motion, the foregoing report and resolutions, together with the report of the Grand Representatives, was ordered to be printed separately; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to each State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment.

Representatives Case and Churchill of No. 47, and Goodrich of No. 25, introduced, in writing, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, the object of which was to change the place of holding its Sessions. The Chair decided that said proposed amendment was out of order.

The Select Committee on New Lodges reported:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee, to whom was referred the application for New Lodges at Guilford, Plainville, New Hartford, Ansonia and Collinsville, respectfully

REPORT:

That the petition, cards and recommendations for a Lodge at Guilford, are in form, and recommend that a Charter be granted for a Lodge at that place, to be called *Menuncatuck Lodge*, No. 62.

In regard to a Lodge at Plainville, the Committee recommend that the subject be referred to the Grand Master, with power to issue a Charter whenever an arrangement can be made between the petitioners and Unity Lodge, which your Committee believe will be practicable.

In regard to a Lodge at New Hartford, they most cheerfully recommend that a Charter be granted to the petitioners, under the name and title of *Excelsior Lodge, No. 61*.

In regard to a Lodge at Ansonia, the Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that a Charter be granted under the name and title of *Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63*.

In regard to a Lodge at Collinsville, the Committee could take no action, for want of the necessary documents.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. THOMAS,
HENRY STURGES, } Committee.
JNO. S. DICKINSON, }

Motion, that the report be accepted and Charters granted. A division of the question was called for, and ordered; report accepted.

Charter to Excelsior Lodge, No. 61, and Menuncatuck Lodge, No. 62; granted.

Motion, that the application for a Charter to Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63, be continued to the next Annual Session; lost.

Motion, that a Charter be granted to said Lodge; carried.

Motion, that the application for a Charter for a Lodge at Plainville, be referred to the Grand Master, in conformity with the recommendation of the report; carried.

Application for a Charter for a Lodge at Collinsville; referred back to the Committee.

The Committee on Grievances offered the following reports, with accompanying resolutions; reports accepted and resolutions passed.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of Ou-satonic Lodge, No. 6, from the decision of D. D. Grand Master Donnally, to the effect that a brother was entitled to a check or receipt after paying his fine for having neglected to watch with a sick brother, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the D. D. Grand Master was correct. They, therefore, beg leave to offer the accompanying resolution:

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the decision of D. D. Grand Master Donnally, be sustained by this Grand Lodge.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial of

X Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, in the case of John Byington, a brother of said Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that, inasmuch as a motion stands before said Lodge to suspend the brother for six months, that the proper way for them is to dispose of it, the Grand Lodge having no jurisdiction in the matter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman.*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the appeal of brother Wm. A. Smith, of Franklin Lodge, No. 42, refusing to grant him five weeks' benefit, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted, per order of the Committee,

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That Franklin Lodge, No. 42, be directed to pay brother Wm. A. Smith two weeks' benefit.

Report of Committee on New Lodges, as follows : adopted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Select Committee on New Lodges, to whom was recommitted the application for a Charter for a Lodge to be established at Collinsville, respectfully

REPORT:

That it appears from information laid before the Committee, that the informality of the petition for a Lodge at Collinsville, arose from the applicants having been informed by brothers supposed to be competent to advise them, that a petition was the only necessary document to be sent to the Grand Lodge. The Committee, therefore, recommend that the petition be referred to the Grand Master, with power to issue a Charter when the proper documents are presented.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. THOMAS,
HENRY STURGES, } *Committee.*
JNO. S. DICKINSON,

Motion to adjourn until 2 o'clock, P. M.; lost.

Representative Abell asked leave to enter the following protest upon the Journal; which was granted.

The undersigned, in view of the adoption by this R. W. body, of the resolutions presented by the Committee appointed on the report of the R. W. Grand Representatives, begs leave to enter his protest against the leading sentiments and general spirit of said resolutions.

T. P. ABELL, *Representative of No. 12.*

Resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary to procure the printing of the usual number of copies of the proceedings of the Session; passed.

Motion, that the incidental expenses of last evening be paid ; carried.

Resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary to procure the systematic arrangement of the entire files and papers of this Grand Lodge, and to draw on the R. W. Grand Treasurer for expenses of same ; passed.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN,
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in account with Samuel Bishop, Grand Treasurer.

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| July 13, To Cash paid Grand Representatives, | | \$322.00 |
| " " S. L. Ford, | | 6.37 |
| " " E. Clark, Jr., | | 5.00 |
| " " J. M. Willey, | | 10.00 |
| " " J. M. Willey, | | 10.42 |
| " " J. H. Bolton, | | 9.00 |
| " " Croswell & Jewett, | | 8.63 |
| " " C. Crawley, | | 9.00 |
| " " A. Terry, | | 5.00 |
| " " E. T. Farnham, | | 6.00 |
| " " A. S. Wightman, | | 8.00 |
| " " W. H. Stanley, | | 66.54 |
| " " G. L. U. S., dues, | | 40.00 |
| " " J. Greenwood, Jr., | | 22.35 |
| " " Harmony Lodge, | | 15.00 |
| " " G. R. to G. L. U. S., | | 100.00 |
| " " Balance to new account, | | 489.45 |

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| July 13, By balance from old account, | | \$400.51 |
| Dues, " No. 1, | | 9.00 |
| " " No. 2, | | 26.00 |
| " " No. 4, | | 5.00 |
| " " No. 5, | | 12.00 |
| " " No. 6, | | 14.00 |
| Cards, " No. 6, | | 1.25 |
| Dues, " No. 7, | | 9.00 |
| " " No. 8, | | 14.00 |
| Cards, " No. 8, | | 5.00 |
| Dues, " No. 9, | | 15.00 |
| " " No. 10, | | 6.00 |
| Digests, " No. 10, | | 1.50 |
| Dues, " No. 11, | | 3.00 |
| " " No. 12, | | 13.00 |
| " " No. 16, | | 18.00 |
| Cards, " No. 16, | | 50 |
| Dues, " No. 17, | | 4.00 |
| " " No. 18, | | 3.00 |
| " " No. 20, | | 6.00 |
| " " No. 21, | | 7.00 |
| Cards, " No. 21, | | 3.13 |
| Dues, " No. 23, | | 3.00 |
| " " No. 24, | | 6.00 |
| " " No. 25, | | 6.00 |
| Cards, " No. 25, | | 1.50 |
| Dues, " No. 26, | | 2.00 |
| " " No. 27, | | 7.00 |
| Cards, " No. 27, | | 1.00 |
| Dues, " No. 28, | | 45.00 |

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| By Cards, from | No. 28, | . | . | . | \$2.25 |
| Dues, | " No. 29, | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| " | " No. 30, | . | . | . | 7.00 |
| " | " No. 31, | . | . | . | 8.00 |
| " | " No. 32, | . | . | . | 6.00 |
| Cards, | " No. 32, | . | . | . | 50 |
| Dues, | " No. 33, | . | . | . | 5.00 |
| Digest, | " No. 33, | . | . | . | 37 |
| Dues, | " No. 34, | . | . | . | 13.00 |
| Digest, | " No. 34, | . | . | . | 38 |
| Dues, | " No. 35, | . | . | . | 31.00 |
| Cards, | " No. 35, | . | . | . | 1.87 |
| Dues, | " No. 36, | . | . | . | 12.00 |
| " | " No. 38, | . | . | . | 13.00 |
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| " | " No. 43, | . | . | . | 11.00 |
| Cards, | " No. 43, | . | . | . | 2.00 |
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| " | " No. 45, | . | . | . | 10.00 |
| " | " No. 46, | . | . | . | 6.00 |
| " | " No. 48, | . | . | . | 20.00 |
| Cards, | " No. 48, | . | . | . | 1.00 |
| Dues, | " No. 49, | . | . | . | 18.00 |
| " | " No. 50, | . | . | . | 13.00 |
| Charter, | " No. 50, | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| " | " No. 51, | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| Dues, | " No. 53, | . | . | . | 19.00 |
| " | " No. 54, | . | . | . | 19.00 |
| " | " No. 55, | . | . | . | 28.00 |
| Charter, | " No. 56, | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| " | " No. 58, | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| " | " No. 60, | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| " | " No. 61, | . | . | . | 30.00 |

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New Haven, Jan. 10th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, do

REPORT:

That we have examined the Account of the Grand Treasurer, from July 12th, 1848, to this date, and find balance of cash on hand, four hundred eighty nine dollars forty-five cents; also, cash in Savings Bank, five, hundred eight dollars twenty-five cents; and twenty shares of Temple Stock, which cost three hundred dollars, making in all twelve hundred ninety-seven dollars and seventy cents.

WILLIAM MEEKER, } Committee
 O. UTLEY, } on
 JNO. S. DICKINSON, } Finance.

Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut, from July, 1848, to January, 1849, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.

| LOGES. | Number. | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Rejected. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number. | Receipts of Gen- eral Fund. | Receipts of Wid- ow and Orphan's Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund. | Whole amount of Widow and Or- phan's Fund. | Dues to G. Lodge. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. fam. reliev'd | Brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. | Amount for Wid- owed Families. | Amount paid for educ. of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total amount paid for benefits. | |
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| Quinnipiac, Charter Oak. | 1 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 431 | \$960.99 | \$76.33 | \$2,924.17 | \$2,160.50 | 9 | 49 | | | \$576.95 | | | | \$576.95 | |
| Middlesex, | 3 | 3 | 7 | | | | | | | 302 | 621.53 | 101.74 | 242.35 | 412.33 | 3 | 2 | | | 94.00 | | | | 94.00 | |
| Pequotack, | 4 | 3 | | | | | | | | 79 | 120.90 | 30.94 | 672.53 | 1,437.00 | 3 | 12 | 2 | | 157.00 | 35.00 | 23.62 | 30.00 | 215.62 | |
| Harmony, | 5 | 11 | | | | | | | | 208 | 533.04 | | 1,716.89 | 828.01 | 11 | 35 | 1 | | 632.00 | | 2.94 | 30.00 | 664.94 | |
| Onsatonic, | 6 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 168 | 323.82 | | 1,017.01 | 725.00 | 5 | 14 | 1 | | 172.00 | | | 75.00 | 202.00 | |
| Samaritan, | 7 | 7 | 1 | | | | | | | 132 | 74.50 | 47.71 | 317.43 | 781.47 | 7 | 20 | 2 | | 243.45 | 35.00 | | | 353.45 | |
| Mercantile, | 8 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | 208 | 337.75 | 88.56 | 397.72 | 916.96 | 2 | 12 | 1 | | 138.00 | 12.50 | | | 150.50 | |
| Thames, | 9 | 3 | 1 | | | | | | | 256 | 298.58 | 65.42 | 673.42 | 1,202.08 | 3 | 9 | 1 | | 160.00 | | 4.88 | 30.00 | 190.00 | |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | 11 | | | | | | | | 208 | 398.93 | 85.59 | 1,214.92 | 919.74 | 11 | 15 | 2 | | 197.00 | 40.50 | | | 242.38 | |
| Uncas, | 11 | 3 | | | | | | | | 318 | 475.88 | 67.43 | 3,388.88 | 1,280.76 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 99.00 | 9.00 | | 50.00 | 158.00 | |
| Central, | 12 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | 215 | 364.41 | 83.83 | 789.08 | 883.69 | 5 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 185.00 | | .91 | 30.00 | 215.91 | |
| Charity, | 13 | | | | | | | | | 89 | 81.50 | 22.25 | 458.00 | 72.28 | | | | | 95.00 | 40.00 | 6.00 | | 135.00 | |
| Wopowage, | 14 | 5 | | | | | | | | 67 | 153.52 | 32.45 | 408.07 | 200.88 | 5 | 8 | | | 82.00 | | | | 82.00 | |
| Montawese, | 15 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | 70 | 246.10 | 40.47 | | | 6 | 5 | | | 80.00 | | | | 80.00 | |
| Washington, | 16 | 7 | | | | | | | | 111 | 220.19 | 43.56 | 302.00 | 182.37 | 7 | 10 | | | 106.00 | | | | 106.00 | |
| Trumbull, | 17 | 3 | | | | | | | | 106 | 122.82 | 36.78 | 503.23 | 171.52 | 3 | 2 | | | 54.00 | | | | 54.00 | |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 56 | 95.56 | 13.63 | 480.83 | 187.37 | 4 | 1 | | | 21.00 | | | | 21.00 | |
| Mystic, | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fenwick, | 20 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | 66 | 123.76 | 22.22 | 28.63 | 203.16 | 1 | 6 | | | 222.00 | | | | 222.00 | |
| Nosahogan, | 21 | 6 | | | | | | | | 91 | 343.74 | 41.33 | 619.55 | 294.61 | 6 | 11 | | | 95.00 | | | | 95.00 | |
| Farmers & Mech. | 22 | 5 | 2 | | | | | | | 116 | 291.09 | 5.87 | 1,171.56 | 333.81 | 5 | 10 | | | 76.00 | | | | 76.00 | |
| Acanthus, | 23 | 1 | | | | | | | | 41 | 50.35 | | | 93.75 | 1 | 5 | | | 120.00 | | | | 120.00 | |
| Rippowam, | 24 | 4 | 1 | | | | | | | 125 | 211.30 | 44.86 | 246.88 | 344.75 | 4 | 8 | | | 81.00 | | | | 81.00 | |
| Oakland, | 25 | 3 | | | | | | | | 63 | 114.09 | | 63.45 | | 3 | 4 | | | 76.00 | | | | 76.00 | |
| Stonington, | 26 | 2 | | | | | | | | 34 | 99.94 | 18.21 | 60.53 | 32.39 | 2 | 3 | | | 32.00 | | | | 32.00 | |
| Oweneco, | 27 | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | 66 | 161.51 | 30.57 | 64.69 | 206.31 | 5 | 8 | 1 | | 148.00 | | | 30.00 | 178.00 | |
| Hancock, | 28 | 11 | 1 | | | | | | | 121 | 153.40 | 237.15 | 469.10 | 237.15 | 11 | 6 | 1 | | 59.00 | | | 30.00 | 89.00 | |

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LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name. | No. | Where Established. | | Dist. | When Instituted. | Sessions. |
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| | | Post Office. | County. | | | |
| Quinnipiac,* | 1 | New Haven, | New Haven, | 1 | September 3d, 1839, | Every Monday. |
| Charter Oak,* | 2 | Hartford, | Hartford, | 2 | April 21st, 1840, | " Tuesday. |
| Middlesex,* | 3 | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex, | 3 | April 22d, 1840, | First and Third Mondays. |
| Pequanock, | 4 | Bridgeport, | Fairfield, | 4 | June 11th, 1841, | Every Tuesday. |
| Harmony, | 5 | New Haven, | New Haven, | 1 | June 15th, 1841, | " Tuesday. |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | Derby, | " | 6 | October 13th, 1841, | " Monday. |
| Samaritan, | 7 | Danbury, | Fairfield, | 2 | May 5th, 1842, | " Wednesday. |
| Mercantile, | 8 | Hartford, | Hartford, | 9 | June 13th 1842, | " Friday. |
| Thames, | 9 | New London, | New London, | 7 | September 22d, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | Norwalk, | Fairfield, | 8 | October 19th, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Uncas, | 11 | Norwich City, | New London, | 9 | March 10th, 1843, | " Monday. |
| Central, | 12 | Middletown, | Middlesex, | 10 | June 12th, 1843, | " Thursday. |
| Charity, | 13 | Lower Mystic, | New London, | 11 | April 11th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Worowage, | 14 | Millford, | New Haven, | 12 | June 19th, 1844, | " Monday. |
| Montawese, | 15 | New Haven, | " | 1 | January 8th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Washington, | 16 | Willimantic, | Windham, | 13 | December 26th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Trumbull, | 17 | New London, | New London, | 7 | " 20th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | Tolland, | Tolland, | 14 | January 17th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Mystic, | 19 | Upper Mystic, | New London, | 11 | February 27th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Fenwick, | 20 | Essexborough, | Middlesex, | 15 | March 19th, 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Noahogan, | 21 | Waterbury, | New Haven, | 16 | July 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Farmers and Mechanics, | 22 | Warehouse Point, | Hartford, | 17 | June 12th, 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Acanthus, | 23 | Granby, | " | 18 | August 20th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |
| Rippowam, | 24 | Stamford, | Fairfield, | 19 | October 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Oakland, | 25 | Oakland, | Hartford, | 20 | October 9th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Stonington, | 26 | Stonington, | New London, | 11 | Dec. 12th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |
| Oweneo, | 27 | Greenville, | " | 9 | January 1st, 1846, | " Monday. |
| Hancock, | 28 | Meriden, | New Haven, | 21 | March 4th, 1846, | " Wednesday. |

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| Howard, | Bethel, | Fairfield, | 6 March 24th, 1846, | Every | Monday. |
| Union, | 30 Winsted, | Litchfield, | 23 March 27th, 1846, | " | Friday. |
| Olive Branch, | 31 Redding, | Fairfield, | 23 April —, 1846, | " | Monday. |
| Nazarene, | 32 Stafford, | Tolland, | May 14th, 1846, | " | Thursday. |
| Freestone, | 33 Portland, | Middlesex, | July 15th, 1846, | " | Wednesday. |
| Guinebaug, | 34 Danielsonville, | Windham, | Sept. 10th, 1846, | " | Thursday. |
| Columbian, | 35 Litchfield, | Litchfield, | Dec. 2d, 1846, | " | Wednesday. |
| City, | 36 New Haven, | Fairfield, | February 22d, 1847, | " | Monday. |
| Wooster, | 37 New Canaan, | Hartford, | February 23d, 1847, | " | Monday. |
| Tunxis, | 38 Tariffville, | " | February —, 1847, | " | Wednesday. |
| Pine Meadow, | 39 Windsor Locks, | " | February 3d, 1847, | " | Thursday. |
| Hyperion, | 40 Hartford, | Fairfield, | February 4th, 1847, | " | Monday. |
| Arcanum, | 41 Bridgeport, | Litchfield, | March 1, 1847, | " | Wednesday. |
| Franklin, | 42 Plymouth, | " | March 17, 1847, | " | Friday. |
| Orion, | 43 Winsted, | " | April 16, 1847, | " | Tuesday. |
| Bethel Rock, | 44 Woodbury, | Hartford, | May 11, 1847, | " | Friday. |
| Thompsonville, | 45 Thompsonville, | Fairfield, | June 11, 1847, | " | Tuesday. |
| Pilgrim, | 46 Ridgefield, | Hartford, | June 15, 1847, | " | Monday. |
| La Fayette, | 47 Bloomfield, | " | February 15, 1848, | " | Wednesday. |
| Pequabock, | 48 Bristol, | Tolland, | February 26, 1848, | " | Tuesday. |
| Siloam, | 49 Vernon, | Litchfield, | August 2, 1848, | " | |
| Toconnuc, | 50 Salisbury, | " | July 28, 1848, | " | |
| New Kaw, | 51 Wolcottville, | " | Sept. 5, 1848, | " | |
| Phenix, | 52 New Britain, | Hartford, | Sept. 21, 1848, | " | |
| Elm, | 53 East Hartford, | " | Sept. 7, 1848, | " | |
| Protection, | 54 East Windsor, | " | October, 27, 1848, | " | |
| Marion, | 55 Hebron, | Tolland, | | | |
| Unity, | 56 Farmington, | Hartford, | | | |
| Bacon, | 57 Colchester, | Litchfield, | | | |
| Southport, | 58 Southport, | Fairfield, | | | |
| Evergreen, | 59 Brookfield, | " | | | |
| Vulcan, | 60 Falls Village, | Litchfield, | | | |
| Excelsior, | 61 New Hartford, | " | | | |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

APPOINTED SINCE JANUARY SESSION.

| DISTRICTS. | LODGES. | D. D. GRAND MASTERS. |
|--------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| New Haven, - - | 1, 5, 15, 36, | Charles A. Saunders. |
| Hartford, - - | 2, 8, 40, | Oliver Woodhouse. |
| East Haddam, - - | 3, | Hyman G. Loomis. |
| Bridgeport, - - | 4, 41, | R. W. Grand Warden. |
| Derby, - - | 6, | Matthew Donnally. |
| Danbury, - - | 7, 29, | Stephen A. Hurlburt. |
| New London, - - | 9, 17, | Henry Champlain. |
| Norwalk, - - | 10, | Samuel E. Olmsted. |
| Norwich, - - | 11, 27, | Charles W. Jennings. |
| Middletown, - - | 12, | C. A. Newell. |
| Stonington, - - | 13, 19, 26, | Calvin G. Williams. |
| Milford, - - | 14, | John N. Buckingham. |
| Windham, - - | 16, | William L. King. |
| Tolland, - - | 18, | Charles Underwood. |
| Saybrook, - - | 20, | James Phelps. |
| Waterbury, - - | 21, | William M. Pemberton. |
| East Windsor, - - | 22, 54, | Joseph Olmsted, |
| Granby, - - | 23, | N. P. Pratt. |
| Stamford, - - | 24, | Lorenzo Meeker. |
| Manchester, - - | 25, | John S. Dobson. |
| Meriden, - - | 28, | N. W. Pomeroy. |
| Winchester, - - | 30, 43, | Orlando Pease. |
| Redding, - - | 31, | Henry H. Munroe. |
| Stafford, - - | 32, | Francis D. Johnson. |
| Portland, - - | 33, | Samuel N. Hall. |
| Killingly, - - | 34, | Daniel D. Fisk. |
| Litchfield, - - | 35, | Francis Bacon. |
| New Canaan, - - | 37, | Thomas Raymond. |
| Simsbury, - - | 38, | |
| Windsor, - - | 39, | |
| Plymouth, - - | 42, | Henry E. Reed. |
| Woodbury, - - | 44, | Silas Chapin. |
| Enfield, - - | 45, | John Walker. |
| Ridgefield, - - | 46, | Augustus Lyon. |
| Bloomfield, - - | 47, | Hiram B. Case. |
| Bristol, - - | 48, | Alphonso Barnes. |
| Vernon, - - | 49, | Edward W. Gilman. |
| Salisbury, - - | 50, | George A. Darrow. |
| Torrington, - - | 51, | A. P. P. Camp. |
| Berlin, - - | 52, | George M. Landers. |
| East Hartford, - - | 53, | |
| Hebron, - - | 55, | Henry H. Fitch. |
| Farmington, - - | 56, | Daniel A. Tuttle. |
| Colchester, - - | 57, | Samuel A. Kellogg. |
| Fairfield, - - | 58, | Henry Sturgess. |
| Brookfield, - - | 59, | |
| Canaan, - - | 60, | William E. Moore. |
| New Hartford, - - | 61, | Willard S. Wetmore. |

ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Conn., }
New Haven, July 11, 1849. }

In accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, assembled this day at two o'clock, P. M., in Annual Session; and was opened in ample form.

PRESENT;

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| M. W. JUNIUS M. WILLEY, | of No. 20, <i>Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. GEORGE S. SANFORD, | of No. 4, <i>Grand Warden.</i> |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | of No. 1, <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | of No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| W. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, | of No. 16, <i>Grand Marshall.</i> |

Also, Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The reading of the Journal of the last Session, was on motion dispensed with.

The Grand Master made the following appointments, viz: Representative C. J. Gruman, of No. 10, Grand Conductor *pro tempore*, Representative Wallace of No. 6, Grand Guardian *pro tempore*.

As Committee on Elections—Representatives Johnson of No. 40, Utley of No. 12, and Starkey of No. 20.

To fill vacancies in Committee on the State of the Order—Representatives Goodman of No. 8, Sanford of No. 15, Roath of No. 11, and Shelden of No. 2.

The Committee on Elections made the following reports:—

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee on Elections beg leave to report the credentials of the following representatives correct, and that they are entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge for the year ensuing.

Respectfully submitted.

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| J. W. JOHNSON, | } Committee. |
| ORIGEN UTLEY, | |
| N. A. STARKEY, | |

Quinnipiac, No. 1,—J. B. Bowditch, Isaac Judson, L. A. Thomas, J. M. Veader, D. M. Burwell, E. G. Storer, S. H. Harris, F. P. Gorham, C. Wildman, Walter Osborn, S. B. Gorham, D. H. Moore, C. K. Brown, A. O. Curn, R. Warren, N. C. Hall, C. Ball, P. Demick, T. J. Stafford, Samuel Bishop, B. R. Hitchcock, Wm. H. Ellis, James Barker, A. C. Heitmann, Wm. Goodwin.

Charter Oak, No. 2,—J. H. Mills, O. Woodhouse, John Hatfield, E. C. Kellogg, Timothy Shelden.

Middlesex, No. 3,—R. S. Pratt.

Harmony, No. 5,—A. J. Riggs, Samuel Tolles, L. G. Peck, Jobamah Gunn, W. H. Stanley, Clark Beach, I. Merwin, J. G. Anthony, J. A. Parmalee, L. L. Beecher, Thomas Phillips, J. B. Adriance, E. L. Chidsey, Hart Z. Norton.

Ousatonic, No. 6,—H. N. Hawkins, John Wallace, J. R. Sperry.

Mercantile, No. 8,—A. C. Goodman.

Uncas, No. 11,—H. H. Roath, Wm. L. Brewer, J. A. Hovey, P. M. Judson, D. Young, C. A. Converse, E. W. Eells, H. A. Barrows, H. W. Bentley.

Central, No. 12,—O. Utley, C. A. Newell, T. P. Abell.

Charity, No. 13,—William Meeker.

Montawese, No. 15,—W. E. Sanford, E. B. Cowles.

Washington, No. 16,—J. R. Arnold, E. S. Moulton, L. E. Baldwin, J. B. Lord, A. W. Jilson, R. S. Blish, Wm. K. Otis, R. Williams.

Fenwick, No. 20,—N. A. Starkey, Jos. Phelps.

Nosahogan, No. 21,—George W. Benedict, W. M. Pemberton.

Farmers and Mechanics, No. 22,—S. Patchen, Philip Tucker, B. Sexton, Wm. J. Whipple, C. A. Lord, Joseph Olmstead, R. M. Abee, L. Weller, Wm. Phelps, Ruel Thrall, Samuel Watson.

Rippowam, No. 24,—L. Meeker.

Oakland, No. 25,—M. Hudson, J. S. Dobson, J. R. Perry, H. N. Moulton, R. Goodrich.

Hancock, No. 28,—John L. Treat.

Howard, No. 29,—A. C. Shepard, E. T. Farnam.

Union, No. 30,—R. Spencer, S. L. Wilder, S. T. Cook, R. Hawley.

Nazarene, No. 32,—J. H. Bolton, F. D. Johnson, C. Prouty.

Freestone, No. 33,—S. N. Hall.

Columbian, No. 35,—L. O. Meafey, F. Bacon, G. Seymour, P. Wells.

City, No. 36,—R. H. Starr, E. T. Main, J. C. Hayden, Lucius Hine, A. L. Brown, J. B. Foot, Noah Chandler, Theodore W. Werner, T. C. Hollis.

Hyperion, No. 40,—J. W. Johnson, H. L. Miller, L. T. Welles.

Bethel Rock, No. 44—Charles G. Judson, Charles H. Webb, S. Chapin.

Pilgrim, No. 46,—James Scott, 2nd.

Lafayette, No. 47,—H. B. Case.

Pequabock, No. 48,—A. Barnes, E. L. Dunbar, A. T. Robinson.

Tocconuc, No. 50,—G. A. Darrow.

Elm, No. 53,—George H. Olmsted, A. S. Cowles, H. H. Dickinson.

Vulcan, No. 60,—Wm. E. Moore.

The Committee on Elections, would further report as correct, the following Past Grands of their respective Lodges, and Credentials entitling them to the Grand Lodge degree, and seats in this Grand Lodge.

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| J. W. JOHNSON, | } Committee. |
| O. UTLEY, | |
| N. A. STARKEY, | |

- No. 1. James Barker.
No. 2. George D. Jewett, O. D. Seymour.
No. 4. John Cornwall.
No. 6. Wm. Baldwin.
No. 7. D. B. Booth, F. D. Ball, A. Chichester.
No. 8. E. D. Tiffany, William B. Davis.
No. 10. Geo. O. Street, T. Warner, Jr.
No. 11. John T. Wait, W. Clapp, D. M. Prentice, J. T. Adams, C. Burgess.
No. 14. John K. Bristol.
No. 15. Wm. W. White.
No. 17. J. R. Merriam.
No. 18. Joseph Bishop.
No. 21. Leonard Pritchard.
No. 23. Wilson Dewey.
No. 24. James L. Lockwood.
No. 25. F. L. Buell.
No. 26. D. B. Potter.
No. 27. A. E. Leonard.
No. 28. Alfred Bliss.
No. 29. Owen Benedict.
No. 30. Geo. White.
No. 31. John McDowell.
No. 32. W. H. Reed.
No. 33. George H. Taylor.
No. 34. John D. Bigelow.
No. 35. F. D. Beeman.
No. 37. H. B. Hoyt.
No. 38. A. W. Fox.
No. 39. R. Kendall.
No. 40. E. S. Hamilton, M. M. Merriman.
No. 41. Henry Osborn.
No. 42. Milo Hoadley.
No. 43. B. B. Woodford.
No. 44. Luke S. Putnam.
No. 45. Wm. Anderson, John Leekell.
No. 46. Daniel Lovejoy.
No. 48. R. E. Terry.
No. 49. Alden Skinner, E. W. McLean.
No. 52. D. W. C. Pond, Henry E. Russell.
No. 53. Ransom Riley.
No. 54. S. M. Dart, C. V. Peckham.
No. 55. Lucius J. Hendee.
No. 56. R. H. Fuller.
No. 57. Thos. Spencer, Samuel A. Kellogg.
No. 58. Francis Jelliff.
No. 59. Andrew Northrop.
No. 60. Sherman Jaqua.
No. 61. Wm. S. Nash.
No. 62. W. L. Sears.
No. 64. L. T. Pierson.

No. 65. Frederick Chittenden.

No. 66. Calvin J. Thompson.

The following named Past Grands, being in waiting, were introduced, instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and took their seats as Representatives for the current year :

- No. 1. James Barker.
- No. 2. George D. Jewett, O. D. Seymour.
- No. 4. John Cornwall.
- No. 6. William Baldwin.
- No. 7. D. B. Booth. F. D. Ball, A. Chichester.
- No. 8. William B. Davis, E. D. Tiffany.
- No. 10. George O. Street, T. Warner, Jr.
- No. 14. John K. Bristoll.
- No. 15. William W. White.
- No. 17. J. R. Merriam.
- No. 18. J. Bishop.
- No. 21. L. Pritchard.
- No. 23. Wilson Dewey.
- No. 24. James L. Lockwood.
- No. 26. D. B. Potter.
- No. 27. A. E. Leonard.
- No. 28. Alfred Bliss.
- No. 30. George White.
- No. 31. John McDowell.
- No. 32. William H. Reed.
- No. 33. George H. Taylor.
- No. 34. J. D. Bigelow.
- No. 35. Frederick D. Beeman.
- No. 37. H. B. Hoyt.
- No. 38. Andrew W. Fox.
- No. 39. R. Kendall.
- No. 40. Matthew M. Merriman, Ezra S. Hamilton.
- No. 41. Henry Osborn.
- No. 42. Milo Hoadley.
- No. 43. B. B. Woodford.
- No. 44. L. S. Putnam.
- No. 45. William Anderson.
- No. 46. Daniel Lovejoy.
- No. 48. Ralph E. Terry.
- No. 49. Edwin W. McLean, Alden Skinner.
- No. 52. D. W. C. Pond, Henry E. Russell.
- No. 53. Ransom Riley.
- No. 54. S. M. Dart, C. V. Peckham.

- No. 55. Lucius J. Hendee.
 No. 56. Riley H. Fuller.
 No. 57. Thomas Spencer.
 No. 58. Francis Jelliff.
 No. 59. Andrew Northrop.
 No. 60. Sherman Jaqua.
 No. 61. William S. Nash.
 No. 62. Willard L. Sears.
 No. 64. L. T. Pearson.
 No. 65. F. Chittenden.
 No. 66. Calvin J. Thompson.

The M. W. Grand Master submitted the following report :

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :

After an interchange of mutual congratulations on the prosperity with which we are again permitted to assemble in annual session, the first business that properly comes before us in our associated capacity, is a review of the official acts of the Grand Master, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

On the last day of the Semi-Annual Session of this Body, I issued Warrants to the following named Past Grands, members of this R. W. Body, who were duly recommended for the office of District Deputy Grand Master : viz :

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| Charles A. Saunders, | District of New Haven. |
| Oliver Woodhouse, | - - Hartford. |
| Hyman G. Loomis, | - - East Haddam. |
| <i>R. W. Grand Warden,</i> | - - Bridgeport. |
| Matthew Donnally, | - - Derby. |
| Stephen A. Hurlburt, | - - Danbury. |
| Henry Champlain, | - - New London. |
| Samuel E. Olmsted, | - - Norwalk. |
| Charles W. Jennings, | - - Norwich. |
| Charles A. Newell, | - - Middletown. |
| Calvin G. Williams, | - - Stonington. |
| John N. Buckingham, | - - Milford. |
| William L. King, | - - Windham. |
| Charles Underwood, | - - Tolland. |
| James Phelps, | - - Saybrook. |
| William M. Pemberton, | - - Waterbury. |
| Joseph Olmsted, | - - East Windsor. |
| N. P. Pratt, | - - Granby. |
| Lorenzo Meeker, | - - Stamford. |
| John S. Dobson, | - - Manchester. |
| N. W. Pomeroy, | - - Meriden. |
| Orlando Pease, | - - Winchester. |
| Henry H. Munroe, | - - Redding. |
| Francis D. Johnson, | - - Stafford. |
| Samuel N. Hall, | - - Portland. |
| Daniel D. Fisk, | - - Killingly. |

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| Francis Bacon, for the District of Litchfield. | | |
| Thomas Raymond, | - | New Canaan. |
| Henry E. Reed, | - | Plymouth. |
| Silas Chapin, | - | Woodbury. |
| John Walker, | - | Endfield. |
| Augustus Lyon, | - | Ridgefield. |
| Hiram B. Case, | - | Bloomfield. |
| Alphonso Barnes, | - | Bristol. |
| Edward W. Gillman, | - | Vernon. |
| George A. Darrow, | - | Salisbury. |
| A. P. P. Camp, | - | Torrington. |
| George M. Landers, | - | Berlin. |
| Henry H. Fitch, | - | Hebron. |
| Daniel A. Tuttle, | - | Farmington. |
| Samuel A. Kellogg, | - | Colchester. |
| Henry Sturgess, | - | Fairfield. |
| William E. Moore, | - | Canaan. |
| Willard S. Wetmore, | - | New Hartford. |

The reports of these officers exhibiting a prompt and faithful discharge of their duties, are herewith submitted.

On the same day, I visited the ancient town of Guilford, in company with Grand Secretary Heitmann, Grand Treasurer Bishop, Past Grands Wildman, S. B. Gorham, and Tolles, of New Haven, Camp of 51, Law of 21, Webb of 44, Dickinson, Hayden, and Stillman of 20, and assisted by them, I instituted "Menuncatuck Lodge, No. 62," presented their Charter, and installed their officers. After these services, fourteen citizens of Guilford were received into our fraternity by initiation. Much zeal was manifested on this occasion by the members of this new Lodge, and their success has been such that, I am informed, they now number forty-six members. The officers installed, were, Willard L. Sears, N. G., George W. Barrows, V. G., James Munroe, Secretary, and Samuel A. Wilcox, Treasurer.

On the day following, I repaired to Warehouse Point, where I officiated at the dedication of their new Hall,—a hall second to none in the State, in the propriety of its arrangement and the chasteness and beauty of its decorations. This beautiful Lodge room was fitted up entirely by subscription, the Lodge not allowing a dollar to be taken for this purpose from its treasury. This Lodge having been ever cautious in the admission of members, and prudent in the management of its funds, has been enabled fully to carry out the principles involved in our profession. Three Lodges have colonized from this since its institution, all of which are in a flourishing condition. I would not draw invidious distinctions between this and other lodges under our jurisdiction—but if I were asked to point to a model of a well regulated lodge, I know of none to which I should sooner advert than to "Farmers and Mechanics, No. 22." I was assisted in the dedication of their hall by a very large number of Past Grands from this jurisdiction and from Massachusetts.

On the twenty-ninth day of January, I received a petition from seven brothers of the Order residing in the town of Washington, in Litchfield county, praying for a Lodge to be located at New Preston, a village in that town. This petition being accompanied with the recommendation of Columbian Lodge, No. 35, and with cards of withdrawal of the petitioners,

and the charter fee, I immediately submitted it to the Executive Council, for their advice and action. The Council being unanimous in favor of granting the prayer of the petitioners, I issued a Dispensation, subject to your approval, and transmitted it to R. W. Grand Warden Sanford, clothing him also with full authority to institute said Lodge. The Grand Warden in his official return informs me, that he performed that office on the nineteenth day of March, and that the Lodge under the name of "Morning Star Lodge, No. 65," commenced its existence, with the following officers. Frederick Chittenden, N. G., Julius Cables, V. G., William H. Jenks, Secretary, and Elhanan Spooner, Treasurer. The Grand Warden informs me that three gentlemen were on that occasion initiated.

On the twelfth day of February, I received a petition with all the necessary accompaniments from eleven brothers residing in the town of Somers, in Tolland County, asking for a Lodge to be located in that town. Upon receiving from the Executive Council, an unanimous opinion in favor of the new Lodge, I issued a Dispensation, subject of course to your approval, and on the 14th day of March, with the aid of D. D. G. M. Walker of Thompsonville Lodge, I instituted "Totatuck Lodge, No. 66," and installed its first officers as follows, Calvin J. Thompson, N. G., John W. Little, V. G., Ansel Arnold, Secretary, Wm. G. Little, Treasurer. Six highly respectable citizens of Somers were initiated, and degrees conferred upon three members.

On the day following I visited Collinsville, a flourishing manufacturing village, in Hartford County, where I instituted "Eclectic Lodge, No. 64" I was assisted by P. G. Case of No. 47, and forty brothers from neighboring Lodges. It will be recollected that a petition for a Charter was preferred at our last session, by brothers residing in this place, but the documents being incomplete, power was vested in the Grand Master, to present them a Charter whenever the proper papers should be place in his hands. This requisition having been complied with, the Charter, and all necessary books and instructions, were presented at this time, and the following officers installed, L. T. Pierson, N. G., Nathan L. Polk, V. G., Lucius Carrier, Secretary. On this occasion seven gentlemen were initiated.

On the day following, I proceeded to Ansonia, in the town of Derby, and instituted "Naugatuck Lodge, No. 63," presented the Charter granted at your last session, and installed its officers. I was much gratified at receiving the aid of Past Grands Donnelly, Wallace, Hawkins, Bristol and Priestly, and twenty five members of Ousatonic Lodge. Two gentlemen were on this occasion initiated, and ten admitted by card. From the character of the brothers, who have colonized for the purpose of forming this new Lodge, we may reasonably expect that No. 63 will speedily assume rank and high respectability among the Lodges of our State. Their first officers are Robert R. Wood, N. G., Hiram Hubbard, V. G., John Lindley, Secretary, Wm. B. Bristol, Treasurer.

All the above named Lodges were instructed that their first term would close with the last meeting in June.

On the eighth day of June I received from the officers of Hancock Lodge, No. 28, intelligence of the loss by fire, of their lodge room, charter, books and furniture, and requesting any needful aid that I might be able to render, whereby they might resume work. After instituting proper inquiries respecting the matter, and being satisfied of the actual destruction of the charter and books of this Lodge, I issued a dispensation, and forwarded it to the

Secretary of Hancock Lodge, fully authorizing said Lodge to continue work until the next session of the Grand Lodge.

I would respectfully recommend, that the Dispensations granted during the recess, be ratified and confirmed by Charters.

On the fourteenth day of June, I received a petition in regular form, with all necessary accompanying documents, from five brothers residing in Madison, in this County, praying for a Lodge to be located in that place. From the standing of the petitioners, no doubt was entertained by myself, or the Executive Council, that a respectable Lodge could be sustained in that town, but as the session of your R. W. Body, was so near at hand, it was deemed advisable to refer their papers for direct action to the Grand Lodge. They are herewith submitted.

On the seventh of July, I received from P. G. Daniel Lovejoy, of Ridgefield, a remonstrance against the action of Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, in elevating to the chair of N. G., an officer whom he considers ineligible.

I have this day received a similar document from Past Grand William McDowall, of Howard Lodge, No. 29, protesting against the election and installation of the N. G. of his Lodge. Both these documents are herewith submitted.

I deem it proper to call your attention at this time to the extraordinary powers, claimed by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Much difficulty has already arisen in the Order, and much more is to be anticipated, unless the relations which that Body holds to the State jurisdictions, are more explicitly defined. The history of the formation of the Grand Lodge, of the United States, as detailed in the journal of its proceedings clearly shows, that those who were instrumental in forming that compact, took for their guide the federal government of the United States; the Grand Lodges holding the same relations to the Grand Lodge of the United States, that the State governments hold to the federal. For many years the relations between them were regulated by the same general principle, the State jurisdictions enacting their own constitutions and laws, without any oversight or question from the Grand Lodge of the United States. Within two years, attempts have been made to interfere with the legislation of State jurisdictions, and at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a Committee was appointed to draft a Constitution for Grand Lodges and thus set aside all rights of self legislation. So monstrous an usurpation of power, is striking at the vitality of our institution. I think this R. W. Body, should express its views definitely upon the relative powers of State jurisdictions and the Grand Lodge of the United States, and should signify to that Body its determination not to submit to any such violation of its rights. I commend it to your attention.

In intimate connection with this subject, I would call your attention to a Circular received from New York, and which will be laid before you by the Grand Secretary, which deserves serious consideration. More than half the Order in that State, are now under a ban for no other reason than an adherence to the claim, that their own Grand Lodge is competent to enact a Constitution for its own government, without the interference of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The circumstances of the case are familiar to most of you, and the whole transaction is calculated to warn us that we cannot too speedily assert our rights or too firmly maintain them. It becomes our duty, in my opinion, to espouse the cause of our oppressed brothers in New York, and aid them so far as lies in our power. I think

our Representatives should be instructed to bring these subjects before the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to carry out the views of this Grand Lodge, upon the questions involved.

My brothers—Since the Order in Connecticut has been placed under my care, I have officiated at the institution of thirteen new Lodges, and at the dedication of two new Halls. I have made ten official visits and upon eight occasions, have delivered public addresses upon the character and principles of our Order. In addition to this I have written six hundred and sixteen letters and other communications connected with Odd-Fellowship.

In now surrendering to you the honors, with which your kind partiality has for so long a time invested me; I wish not to conceal the fact that I am proud of the respect, with which you have so often honored me. To be esteemed worthy of this seat, by so large and respectable a body as here assemble, is a mark of regard to which I am not insensible, and it has been a matter of congratulation to me, that I have been enabled to co-operate, though to a less extent than my inclination has dictated, in those plans for the social benefit of our fellow men, which our institution is intended to accomplish. To this institution, I pledge my future energies. May it extend and prosper till necessity shall have no want to relieve, and sorrow no tear to dry. To this end, give it your zealous and active co-operation. Move on in the majesty of your strength, and the beauty of your character; regardless alike of the sneers of the ignorant and the cavils of the bigoted. Be ye the first to obey the call to the bed of sickness, and the last to desert the house of sorrow and of mourning. So will you best enforce the principles of our institution, and conscience, ever faithful to her trust, will ensure you a "recompence" that shall be *indeed* a "reward." And when the indiscriminate leveller of all earthly things shall have consigned you to your final home, your names shall be indelibly written on the tablet of many a widows heart, and the brightest jewels in your memory shall be the tears of gratitude that sparkle in the orphans eye.

JUNIUS MARSHALL WILLEY.

New Haven, July 10, 1849.

Grand Master.

On motion, voted that the report of the M. W. Grand Master be accepted and referred to a select committee of three; the chair appointed Representatives Sanford of No. 15, Hawkins of No. 6, and Potter of No. 26.

An appeal from brother C. G. Avery, of Thames Lodge, No. 9, was received, and on motion referred to Committee on Grievance.

Memorial of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, received, and referred to Committee on Grievance.

A motion was made that the Grand Lodge now proceed to the nomination of officers for the ensuing year, which after some discussion was carried.

The chair then announced that the Grand Lodge would proceed to nominations, whereupon the following persons were nominated: viz:—

FOR GRAND MASTER—George S. Sanford of No. 4; Richard G. Drake of No. 8; Francis Bacon of No. 35.

FOR D. GRAND MASTER—John W. Johnson of No. 40; Origen Utley of No. 12; Francis Bacon of No. 35; James A. Hovey of No. 11.

FOR GRAND WARDEN—Lloyd E. Baldwin of No. 16; Horatio N. Hawkins of No. 6; Origen Utley of No. 12; Cholwell J. Gruman of No. 10; Frederick Chittenden of No. 65.

FOR GRAND SECRETARY—Adrian C. Heitmann of No. 1; John W. Johnson of No. 40.

FOR GRAND TREASURER—Samuel Bishop of No. 1.

FOR GRAND REPRESENTATIVE TO G. L. U. S.—Lucius A. Thomas of No. 1; Francis Bacon of No. 35; Joseph Olmstead of No. 22.

A motion was then made that the election of officers be made the special order for eight o'clock this evening, and that the different committees be excused from their duties, pending the election.

Moved to amend, by ordering that the Grand Lodge *now* proceed to election.

After some discussion, the question on the amendment was ordered, and the amendment adopted; motion as amended was then adopted.

A motion was then made that the Grand Lodge adjourn to half past seven o'clock, P. M.

The Grand Master decided the motion to be out of order, from which decision an appeal was taken.

The question being, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the decision of the Grand Lodge;" the vote was called for by representations, when it was decided in the affirmative; viz:—

YEAS.

No. 2. Henry H. Dickinson, E. C. Kellogg, Timothy Sheldon, John Hatfield, C. Woodhouse, G. D. Jewett, and O. D. Seymour.

No. 6. Horatio N. Hawkins, John Wallace, and William Baldwin.

No. 8. A. C. Goodman, E. D. Tiffany.

No. 16. Lloyd E. Baldwin, William K. Otis.

- No. 18. Lucius Clark, Joseph Bishop.
No. 22. Philip Tucker, S. Patchen.
No. 23. Wilson Dewey.
No. 25. William Dobson.
No. 27. A. E. Leonard.
No. 30. Seth L. Wilder, G. White.
No. 32. Jasper H. Bolton, Carlos Prouty, Francis D. Johnson, William H. Reed.
No. 34. John D. Bigelow.
No. 35. Francis Bacon, F. D. Beeman.
No. 38. A. W. Fox.
No. 39. R. Kendall.
No. 40. John W. Johnson, Henry L. Miller, L. T. Welles, E. S. Hamilton, M. M. Merriman.
No. 42. Milo Hoadley.
No. 43. B. B. Woodford.
No. 44. Silas Chapin, Charles G. Judson, C. H. Webb, Luke S. Putnam.
No. 45. William Anderson.
No. 46. James Scott, Daniel Lovejoy.
No. 47. L. H. Hamlin.
No. 48. R. E. Terry.
No. 49. Edward W. Gilman, C. Hibbard, Alden Skinner, E. W. McLean.
No. 50. George A. Darrow.
No. 52. George M. Landers, D. W. C. Pond.
No. 53. Ransom Riley.
No. 54. S. M. Dart, C. V. Peckham.
No. 55. Lucius J. Hendee.
No. 56. D. A. Tuttle, R. H. Fuller.
No. 57. Thomas Spencer.
No. 58. Francis Jelliff.
No. 60. William E. Moore, Sherman Jaqua.
No. 61. William S. Nash.
No. 64. L. T. Pierson.
No. 65. Frederick Chittenden.
No. 66. Calvin Thompson.

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NAYS.

- No. 1. Samuel Bishop, Thomas J. Stafford, Adrian C. Heitmann, William H. Ellis, Prelate Demick, Cornelius Wildman, James M. Veader, Edmund B. Barnum, James Barker.

No. 4. Joseph Crosby, George S. Sanford, John Cornwall.

No. 5. William H. Stanley, Samuel Tolles, Ira Merwin.

No. 7. James P. Saunders, D. B. Booth, F. D. Ball, A. Chichester.

No. 10. Cholwell J. Gruman, George O. Street, T. Warner, Jr.

No. 11. H. Hobart Roath.

No. 12. Origen Utley, C. A. Newell.

No. 14. J. J. Minor, J. K. Bristoll.

No. 15. Frederick Crowell, William E. Sanford.

No. 17. J. R. Merriam.

No. 20. James Phelps.

No. 21. George W. Benedict, Leonard Pritchard.

No. 24. Lorenzo Meeker, James L. Lockwood.

No. 26. D. B. Potter.

No. 28. William H. Treat, John L. Treat

" A. Bliss, (Yea.)

No. 29. Ethel T. Farnam.

No. 31. J. McDowall.

No. 33. S. N. Hall, G. H. Taylor.

No. 36. Elias T. Main, L. Hine.

No. 37. H. B. Hoyt.

No. 41. M. Butts.

No. 59. Andrew Northrop.

No. 62. Willard L. Sears.

23 Lodges.

A motion was then made that the ballot boxes be kept open until 10 o'clock, P. M., and a vote by lodges called for and sustained.

After some discussion the previous question was called for and ordered.

Moved, that the Grand Lodge adjourn to 8 o'clock, P. M.; the question on which motion was called for by lodges and sustained, and the motion to adjourn was decided in the affirmative; viz:—

YEAS.

No. 1. Ellis, Heitmann, Hall, F. P. Gorham, Wildman, Harris, Veader.

No. 4. Crosby, Sanford.

No. 5. Anthony, Stanley, Tolles.

No. 6. Wallace.

No. 7. Booth.
No. 11. Roath.
No. 14. Minor.
No. 15. Croswell, Sanford.
No. 21. Benedict.
No. 26. Potter,
No. 36. Foot.
No. 50. Darrow.
No. 59. Northrop.
No. 62. Sears.

14 *Lodges.*

NAYS.

No. 2. Sheldon, Hatfield.
No. 8. Goodman.
No. 18. Clark.
No. 32. Johnson.
No. 47. Hamlin.
No. 48. Terry.
No. 49. Gilman.
No. 54. Dart.

8 *Lodges.*

The chair declared the Grand Lodge adjourned until eight o'clock, P. M.

Wednesday, 8 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge assembled, pursuant to adjournment.

Moved to postpone the election of officers, till to-morrow morning at eight o'clock ; not carried.

Moved to adjourn ; not carried.

On motion voted to proceed to the election of officers.

Grand Master appointed Representatives Merwin, of No. 5, and Wm. Goodwin of No. 1, tellers.

On balloting for Grand Master, there were 137 votes polled, viz: for

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| George S. Sanford, - | - | - | - | - | - | 124 |
| R. G. Drake, - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| F. Bacon, - | - | - | - | - | - | 5 |

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Grand Warden Sanford was thereupon declared duly elected Grand Master, for the ensuing year.

Before proceeding to the election of D. G. M., the following nominations were made, viz: Lloyd E. Baldwin of No. 16, and Richard G. Drake of No. 8.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for D. G. Master, and 139 votes were polled, viz: for

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| Lloyd E. Baldwin, - | - | - | - | - | - | 72 |
| John W. Johnson, - | - | - | - | - | - | 39 |
| James A. Hovey, - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 |
| Richard G. Drake, - | - | - | - | - | - | 11 |
| Origen Utley, - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |

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Grand Marshall Lloyd E. Baldwin, was thereupon declared duly elected Deputy Grand Master for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Warden, and 123 votes were polled, viz: for

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| Origen Utley, - | - | - | - | - | - | 76 |
| H. N. Hawkins, - | - | - | - | - | - | 31 |
| C. J. Gruman, - | - | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| F. Chittenden, - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |
| F. Bacon, - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| J. A. Hovey, - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
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Representative Origen Utley, was thereupon declared duly elected Grand Warden for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of Grand Secretary, and 147 votes were polled, viz: for

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| Adrian C. Heitmann, - | - | - | - | - | - | 83 |
| John W. Johnson, - | - | - | - | - | - | 63 |
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Grand Secretary Adrian C. Heitmann was thereupon declared duly elected Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Grand Treasurer, and Grand Treasurer Samuel Bishop was unanimously elected for the ensuing year, and so declared.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of a Grand Representative, to the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the United States, and 144 votes were polled, viz: for

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| Lucius A. Thomas, | - | - | - | - | - | 83 |
| Francis Bacon, | - | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| Joseph Olmsted, | - | - | - | - | - | 5 |

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Whereupon Grand Representative Lucius A. Thomas was declared duly elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the term of two years.

The committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Master, made the following report which was accepted.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee appointed to apportion the report of the M. W. Grand Master, among the proper committees,—have examined the same and respectfully recommend that so much as relates to the institution of new Lodges, be referred to a committee of three; so much as relates to the Grand Lodge of the United States, together with that portion relating to the N. Y. difficulties be referred to a select committee of three: and also that so much as relates to the remonstrances received from Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, and Howard Lodge, No. 29, be referred to a select committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM E. SANFORD, }
 HORATIO N. HAWKINS, } *Committee.*
 D. B. POTTER, }

New Haven, July 11th, 1849.

In accordance with the above, the Grand Master made the following appointments.

On petitions for charters for new Lodges; Representatives Ellis of No. 1, Bolton of No. 32, Bishop of No. 18.

On so much as relates to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and the New York case; Representatives Peck of No. 5, Bacon of No. 35, and Davis of No. 8.

On so much as relates to remonstrances from Howard Lodge, No. 29, and Pilgrim Lodge No. 46; Representatives Thomas of No. 1, Phelps of No. 20 and Webb of No. 44.

Grand Treasurer submitted his semi-annual statement of accounts, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of five brothers for a Charter for a Lodge in Meriden, to be hailed and entitled Meriden Centre Lodge, No. 68, referred to Committee on New Lodges.

On motion, voted, that the Grand Treasurer be instructed to pay mileage to such Representatives as wish to leave town, and that said Representatives have leave of absence.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following reports which were accepted.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the several Semi-Annual Reports of the Subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, respectfully

REPORT :

That from the following Lodges, no reports have been received, viz : Nos. 2, 4, 11, 19, 25, 29, 37, 40, 41, 43, 47, 50, 51, 58, 65.

The reports received, appear to be correct, with the exception of those from Nos. 44, and 64, the first of which, reporting five initiations, and the second reporting 35 initiations, each of them report no commission due to the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

F. BACON,
A. C. GOODMAN, } Committee.
WM. E. SANFORD,

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on the State of the Order, whose duty it is to examine and report to this R. W. Body, all by-laws of Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined the By-Laws of Southport Lodge, No. 58, Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, Vulcan Lodge, No. 60, and Excelsior Lodge, No. 61, and approve the same, and would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

F. BACON,
A. C. GOODMAN, } Committee.
WM. E. SANFORD,

Resolved, That the By-Laws of Southport Lodge, No. 58, Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, Vulcan Lodge, No. 60, Excelsior Lodge, No. 61, and Eclectic Lodge, No. 64, be approved and accepted by this Grand Lodge.

The following amendment of the Constitution was submitted and ordered to be laid on the table till next session.

The undersigned members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, the full representation of two Subordinate Lodges, would propose the following as an amendment to Article Sixth, Section First, of

the Constitution, to wit: by erasing from that Section, the words "New Haven," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "Hartford."

HIRAM B. CASE, No. 47,
ANDREW W. FOX, No. 38.

Sundry bills were presented and read, referred to Committee on Finance.

Memorials of Vulcan Lodge, No. 60, was on motion, referred to Committee on Grievance.

Memorials of members of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, referred to Committee on Grievance.

Finance Committee reported the following bills correct, and on motion they were ordered paid, viz:

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| A. C. Heitmann, Grand Secretary, | - | \$87,36 |
| " " Bill Stationery, | - | 21,87 |
| S. L. Ford, - | - | 5,2a |
| T. J. Stafford, - | - | 2,00 |
| Wm. H. Stanley, - | - | 78,30 |
| J. M. Willey, - | - | 28,37 |

The Committee appointed at the last session to procure a seal for this Grand Body, made the following report.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:

The undersigned Committee appointed to procure a Seal for this Grand Lodge, respectfully

REPORT:

That they have attended to the duty committed to them, and have procured a Seal, the impression of which is presented herewith, and the design for which was furnished by P. G. M. Bradley. It will be necessary to procure a Press, to use the Seal with advantage, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolution.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

FREDERICK CROSWELL,
GEORGE S. SANFORD,
A. C. HEITMANN, } Committee.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding twenty dollars, be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the purchase of a Press for taking impressions of the Seal.

Moved to amend the resolution by striking out "twenty" in first line, and inserting "thirty-five," carried.

The resolution as amended, was then adopted.

On motion, voted that the report of the Committee be accepted, and that the Seal submitted, be adopted as the Seal of this Grand Lodge.

The following description accompanying the Seal was ordered to be spread on the records.

"The Seal proposed for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, is designed to involve a combination of our State heraldry with easily recognized insignia of our order, and thus to point out the name and locality of our institution. Instead of the three sticks which grace the emblazonry of the State shield, the generous vine has been twined around the three pillars of Odd Fellowship, F. L. T., F. H. C. The motto "*Qui translulit sustinet*" (i. e. "He who transplanted will sustain") we fondly hope may be as fully realized to our order as it has been to our Commonwealth. This idea is strengthened by placing above the *Eye* that watches over all. The three "*five pointed open stars*" encircled with rays, are the three original lodges from which light has gone forth."

The Finance Committee reported the account of the Grand Treasurer correct, and that it be accepted ; carried.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned to half past 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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*Thursday, Morning, 8½ o'clock.*

R. W. Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Present, same officers as at opening and Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report, which was accepted, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred certain alterations in the By-Laws of Wooster Lodge, No. 37, and of Elm Lodge, No. 53, respectfully

REPORT :

That having examined the proposed alterations, they approve of the same, and recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS BACON, }  
A. C. GOODMAN, } *Committee.*

*Resolved*, That the proposed alteration of the By-Laws of Elm Lodge, No. 53, substituting the word "Monday" for the word "Wednesday," as

the night of meeting of said Lodge, and repealing the fifth section of Article XV. whereby any reinstated member is required to have been such for thirteen weeks before being entitled to benefits; also, the proposed alteration of the By-Laws of Wooster Lodge, No. 37, altering the ratio of benefits to be hereafter paid to its members, and refusing benefits to such of its members as unnecessarily expose themselves to raging epidemics, or long and dangerous voyages by sea or land, be and the same are hereby approved by this Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee on so much of the M. W. Grand Master's report as related to Howard Lodge, No. 29, and Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, made the following report, which was accepted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

The Committee to whom was referred the appeals from Howard Lodge, No. 29, and Pilgrim Lodge, No. 46, respectfully

#### REPORT:

That having heard the parties in both cases, they are of opinion that the appeal in neither of the cases is sustained, and recommend that they be both dismissed.

Respectfully submitted.

L. A. THOMAS, }  
JAMES PHELPS, } *Committee.*  
C. H. WEBB, }

The Committee on Charters for new Lodges, &c., made the following report, which was accepted, and the Charters therein recommended, duly granted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:*

Your Committee to whom was referred the petitions for Charters, would respectfully

#### REPORT:

That they have had before them the petitions for a Charter for "Friendship Lodge," No. 67, in the town of Madison, New Haven county; "Morning Star Lodge," No. 65, New Preston, town of Washington, Litchfield county; "Totatuck Lodge," No. 66, in the town of Somers, Tolland county; "Meriden Centre Lodge," town of Meriden, New Haven county; and a new Charter for "Hancock Lodge," No. 28, in said Meriden, (in place of the Charter of said Lodge which was burnt up with their hall, books and furniture, in the month of April, 1849;) recommend that Charters be granted in accordance with the several petitions and recommendations.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM H. ELLIS, }  
J. H. BOLTON, } *Committee.*  
JAS. BISHOP. }

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

*Resolved by this Grand Lodge*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, each respectively, execute Bonds to the Grand Lodge, with two sureties, in the sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned that they severally faithfully account for, and pay over all monies entrusted in their hands by virtue of their offices.

*Resolved*, That Bonds executed in pursuance of the foregoing resolution, be made to the acceptance of the M. W. Grand Master.

The following resolution was submitted, and after discussion, was rejected.

*Resolved*, That District No. 6 be divided, and the same constitute two Districts; the one to consist of Samaritan Lodge, No. 7, and the other of Howard Lodge, No. 29.

Bill of Harmony Lodge, No. 5, for rent of room, \$15, and F. P. Gorham's bill for Seal, \$20, were presented and read, and on motion referred to Committee on Finance, who reported them as correct and the bills were ordered paid.

The following preamble and resolution was submitted, and on motion referred to Committee on Finance.

Whereas, several Lodges located within this jurisdiction, about fifty-six miles distance from this Grand Lodge, receive as mileage nine dollars, and the Lodge in Somers, about the same distance, six dollars; therefore,

*Resolved*, By this Grand Lodge, that the mileage for the Somers Lodge be fixed at eight dollars.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted and resolution as amended, adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. of Connecticut:*

The Committee on Finance, recommend that seven instead of eight dollars, for Lodge No. 66.

O. UTLEY, }  
WM. MEEKER, } Committee.

On motion, voted that the officers elect be now installed; whereupon the following officers were installed in their respective offices, each for the year ensuing.

GEORGE S. SANFORD of No. 4, *Grand Master*.

LLOYD E. BALDWIN of No. 16, *D. Grand Master*.

ORIGEN UTLEY of No. 12, *Grand Warden*.

The M. W. Grand Master announced the following appointments.

Representative D. B. Booth of No. 7, *Grand Marshall*.

“ John Wallace of No. 6, *Grand Conductor*.

“ George W. Benedict of 21, *Grand Guardian*.

*Committee on Elections.*—W. K. Otis, of No. 16, L. J. Hendee, of No. 56, H. N. Hawkins, of No. 6.

*Committee on the State of the Order.*—E. T. Farnam, of No. 29, F. Bacon, of No. 35, W. L. Brewer, of No. 11, C. J. Gruman, of No. 10, John Cornwall, of No. 4.

*Committee on Finance.*—D. B. Potter, of No. 26, S. Jaqua, of No. 60, F. Jelliff, of No. 58.

*Committee on Grievance.*—E. G. Storer, No. 1, A. C. Goodman, of No. 8, J. H. Bolton, of No. 32, G. M. Landers, of No. 52, H. H. Roath, of No. 11, F. Chittenden, of No. 65, F. Croswell, of No. 15, A. Northrop, of No. 59.

*Committee on Printing and Stationery.*—L. A. Thomas, C. Wildman, and A. C. Heitmann, of No. 1.

Grand Warden Utley asked and obtained leave of absence.

Grand Representative Thomas introduced in the Grand Lodge, P. G. William W. Wallace, who addressed the Grand Lodge on the New York difficulties and other matters pertaining to the general interests of the Order.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be, and they are hereby tendered to our late M. W. Grand Master, J. M. Willey, and the other past officers connected with him, for the able, dignified and impartial manner in which they have administered the affairs of the Grand Lodge during their official term.

Grand Representative Thomas offered the following resolution, which was adopted.

*Resolved*, That the "*Mirror of the Times*," edited by bro. W. W. Wallace of New York, is hereby recommended to the patronage of the Order in this State, as well for its literary merits as for its able defence of the rights of State jurisdiction.

The Committee on Grievance made the following report, which was accepted and the accompanying resolution adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the appeal of Vulcan Lodge, No. 60, on the action of Columbian Lodge, No 35, have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That Columbian Lodge, No. 35, be directed to pay over to Vulcan Lodge, No. 60, the amount received from brother Root, for degrees.

The same Committee made the following reports which were accepted and resolutions adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee of Grievance to whom was referred the petition of C. Hibbard and others, members of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, praying the Grand Lodge to reverse the decision of said Lodge, who had voted to lease a new room at a price larger than the petitioners thought it was right to pay, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That they have had the case under consideration, and find that the brothers did not give the Lodge the two weeks notice required by the laws of this Right Worthy body. They therefore offer the following resolution for the action of the Grand Lodge.

By order of Committee.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That the appeal of brothers C. Hibbard and others, from a decision of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, be dismissed.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee of Grievance to whom was referred the appeal of brother Charles G. Avery, from the action of Thames Lodge, No. 9, in refusing him nine weeks benefit, have had the case under consideration, and recommend the passage of the following resolution.

By order of the Committee.

SAMUEL TOLLES, *Chairman.*

*Resolved,* That Thames Lodge, No. 9, be directed to pay brother Charles G. Avery seven weeks benefit.

The Special Committee made the following report, which was on motion accepted, and the accompanying resolutions adopted.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Masters report as relates to the action of the Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in relation to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York, also sundry documents from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, beg leave to

#### REPORT :

That having carefully considered the subject and examined the documents submitted to them, they find only additional reasons for adhering to the opinions expressed in the resolutions adopted by this Grand Lodge at its last session. Those resolutions contain all that the committee deem it expedient to say at present, except perhaps, in one particular. The doctrine now boldly advanced in certain quarters, that the Grand Sire is during the recess of the Grand Lodge of the United States, autocrat of the Order,—that in other words he is vested with supreme legislative, executive and

judicial power, is in the opinion of your committee most pernicious. The mere statement of a claim so anti-republican and monstrous would seem to be enough to cause its immediate condemnation; and your committee confidently hope that the Grand Lodge of the United States, will repudiate this claim, which, if in any way admitted, will as your committee believe, destroy the usefulness and endanger the existence of our beloved order.

The committee recommend the passage of the accompanying resolutions.

LUCIUS G. PECK, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Connecticut reiterate and reaffirm the resolutions relative to the difficulties existing between the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, passed by this Grand Lodge at its session in January last; that the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be and they hereby are instructed to bring these questions before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session; and that they be and hereby are instructed, then and at all times in the Grand Lodge of the United States, to introduce, advocate and vote for such resolutions and laws as will restrict the authority of the Grand Sire, till the same shall correspond with our republican institutions—abolish the power of the P. G. Sires to vote in the Grand Lodge of the U. S., and tend to recognize the legal powers and action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, working under the Constitution adopted by that body at its November session in 1847.

*Resolved*, That the memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York be appended to and published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The following documents was submitted, by Representative Hibbard, and read.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The subscribers, members of this Grand Lodge, having learned that sundry brothers of Siloam Lodge, No. 49, have manifested not only a desire, but a determination to move said Siloam Lodge, from the Hall where it was instituted and now holds its sessions, to a new Hall nearly completed, the location of which, together with the different kinds of business to be carried on in said building, also the construction of the ground and public roads running past said Hall, renders said Hall unsafe to initiate citizens into the mysteries of Odd Fellowship. Taking the above facts into consideration, we respectfully call for the decision of this Right Worthy Grand Body.

New Haven, July 12, 1849.

C. HIBBARD, *Siloam Lodge.*

PHILIP TUCKER, } *Farmers and Me-*  
SAMUEL PATCHEN, } *chanics Lodge.*

C. V. PECKHAM, *Protection Lodge.*

C. J. THOMPSON, *Totatuck Lodge.*

*Moved*, That the above matter be referred to a Special Committee of three members, who shall examine the matter and decide, and said decision shall be the decision of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the subject was indefinitely postponed.



On motion voted, that five dollars be appropriated for the services of an assistant Secretary, at each regular session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion voted, that the resolution instructing the Grand Treasurer to deposit the funds of this Grand Lodge in the Savings Bank, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

It was moved that the Committee on Printing, be authorized to have printed for the use of this Grand Lodge, the past official degrees of the Order, which motion after consideration, was indefinitely postponed.

On motion voted, that fifty dollars be appropriated in addition to the salary of Grand Secretary, for his services, for the year ending July, 1849.

No further business offering, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN,

*Grand Secretary.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS  
OF THE  
GRAND LODGE, I. O. O. F., OF CONNECTICUT.

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OFFICERS FOR 1849.

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| M. W. GEORGE S. SANFORD, | <i>Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, | <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. ORIGEN UTLEY, | <i>Grand Warden.</i> |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |
| W. D. B. BOOTH, | <i>Grand Marshall.</i> |
| W. JOHN WALLACE, | <i>Grand Conductor.</i> |
| W. GEORGE W. BENEDICT, | <i>Grand Gurdian.</i> |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES, GRAND LODGE, U. S.

- R. W. WILLIAM T. MINOR, *Grand Representative to
the Grand Lodge of United States for 1849.*
R. W. LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *Grand Representative to
the Grand Lodge of United States for 1849-50.*

PAST GRAND MASTERS.

FREDERICK CROSWELL.
JAMES B. GILLMAN.
CHARLES W. BRADLEY.
SHELDON BASSETT.
JOHN L. DEVOTION.
HENRY L. MILLER.
PRELATE DEMICK.
JOHN GREENWOOD, JR.
JUNIUS M. WILLEY.

COMMITTEES.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS.

W. K. Otis, L. J. Hendee, H. N. Hawkins.

COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE ORDER.

E. T. Farnam, W. L. Brewer, John Cornwall.
F. Bacon, C. J. Gruman,

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

D. B. Potter, S. Jaqua, F. Jelliff.

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE.

Eliphalet G. Storer, G. M. Landers, F. Croswell,
A. C. Goodman, H. H. Roath, A. Northrop.
J. H. Bolton, F. Chittenden,

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

Lucius A. Thomas, Cornelius Wildman, Adrian C. Heitmann.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

| DISTRICTS. | LODGES. | D. D. GRAND MASTERS. |
|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| New Haven, - - | 1, 5, 15, 36, | Elias T. Main. |
| Hartford, - - | 2, 8, 40, | M. M. Merriman. |
| East Haddam, - - | 3, | |
| Bridgeport, - - | 4, 41, | Charles M. Booth. |
| Derby, - - | 6, 63, | John Wallace. |
| Danbury, - - | 7, 29, | Hanford N. Bennett. |
| New London, - - | 9, 17, | |
| Norwalk, - - | 10, | T. Warner, Jr. |
| Norwich, - - | 11, 27, | Edward W. Eells. |
| Middletown, - - | 12, | <i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i> |
| Stonington, - - | 13, 19, 26, | D. B. Potter. |
| Milford, - - | 14, | John N. Buckingham. |
| Windham, - - | 16, | W. K. Otis. |
| Tolland, - - | 18, | Joseph Bishop. |
| Saybrook, - - | 20, | James Phelps. |
| Waterbury, - - | 21, | George W. Benedict. |
| East Windsor, - - | 22, 54, | Stephen M. Dart. |
| Granby, - - | 23, | Wilson Dewey. |
| Stamford, - - | 24, | Robert H. Lockwood. |
| Manchester, - - | 25, | |
| Meriden, - - | 28, 68, | Alfred Bliss. |
| Winchester, - - | 30, 43, | Richard Spencer. |
| Redding, - - | 31, | Henry H. Munroe. |
| Stafford, - - | 32, | Francis D. Johnson. |
| Portland, - - | 33, | S. Nelson Hall. |
| Killingly, - - | 34, | John D. Bigelow. |
| Litchfield, - - | 35, | Frederick D. Beeman. |
| New Canaan, - - | 37, | Henry B. Hoyt. |
| Simsbury, - - | 38, | Andrew W. Fox. |
| Windsor, - - | 39, | Roderick Kendall. |
| Plymouth, - - | 42, | Samuel T. Salisbury. |
| Woodbury, - - | 44, | Charles H. Webb. |
| Enfield, - - | 45, | John Seekell. |
| Ridgefield, - - | 46, | Daniel Lovejoy. |
| Bloomfield, - - | 47, | Hiram B. Case. |
| Bristol, - - | 48, | Alphonso Barnes. |
| Vernon, - - | 49, | Edwin W. McLean. |
| Salisbury, - - | 50, | George A. Darrow. |
| Torrington, - - | 51, | A. P. P. Camp. |
| Berlin, - - | 52, | Calvin N. Hubbard. |
| East Hartford, - - | 53, | Henry H. Dickenson. |
| Hebron, - - | 55, | Lucius J. Hendee. |
| Farmington, - - | 56, | Riley H. Fuller. |
| Colchester, - - | 57, | |
| Fairfield, - - | 58, | Francis Jelliff. |
| Brookfield, - - | 59, | Andrew Northrop. |
| Canaan, - - | 60, | William E. Moore. |
| New Hartford, - - | 61, | William S. Nash. |
| Guilford, - - | 62, | Willard L. Sears. |
| Canton, - - | 64, | L. T. Pearson. |
| Washington, - - | 65, | Frederick Chittenden. |
| Somers, - - | 66, | Calvin J. Thompson. |
| Madison, - - | 67, | Joseph Maddox. |

Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in account with Samuel Bishop, Grand Treasurer,
1849.

| | Dr. |
|---|------------------|
| January 11. To Cash paid Representatives, | \$302.00 |
| " " Junius M. Willey, | 22.50 |
| " " A. S. Wightman, | 8.00 |
| " " Lloyd E. Baldwin, | 10.00 |
| " " George S. Sanford, | 4.50 |
| " " Samuel Bishop, | 13.75 |
| " " S. G. Gilbert, | 1.00 |
| " " Frederick P. Gorham, | 135.00 |
| " " William H. Stanley, | 109.72 |
| " " Crowell & Jewett, | 3.44 |
| " " Stephen L. Ford, | 5.00 |
| " " Bassett & Bradley, | 6.50 |
| " " Charles W. Bradley, | 30.00 |
| " " Thomas J. Stafford, | 52.00 |
| " " Bowditch & Son, | 14.17 |
| " " Grand Secretary, | 92.52 |
| " " A. C. Heitmann, | 7.85 |
| Balance to new Account, | 211.30 |
| | \$1029.25 |

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| January 11. By balance from old Account, | \$489.45 |
| Dues from No. 1, | 9.00 |
| Dues from No. 2, | 9.00 |
| Dues from No. 3, | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 4, | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 5, | 11.00 |
| Cards from No. 5, | 6.25 |
| Cards from No. 6, | 1.00 |
| Dues from No. 6, | 5.00 |
| Cards from No. 7, | 1.56 |
| Dues from No. 7, | 7.00 |
| Dues from No. 8, | 2.00 |
| Dues from No. 9, | 3.00 |
| Cards from No. 9, | 3.13 |
| Dues from No. 10, | 11.00 |
| Dues from No. 11, | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 12, | 5.00 |
| Dues from No. 14, | 5.00 |
| Cards from No. 15, | 0.75 |
| Dues from No. 16, | 7.00 |
| Dues from No. 17, | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 18, | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 20, | 1.00 |
| Cards from No. 20, | 6.25 |
| Dues from No. 21, | 6.00 |
| Dues from No. 22, | 5.00 |
| Dues from No. 23, | 1.00 |
| Dues from No. 24, | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 25, | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 26, | 2.00 |
| Cards from No. 26, | 1.00 |

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| By Dues from No. 28, | . | . | . | . | . | 11.00 |
| Dues from No. 30, | . | . | . | . | . | 11.00 |
| Cards from No. 30, | . | . | . | . | . | 1.25 |
| Dues from No. 31, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 32, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 33, | . | . | . | . | . | 3.62 |
| Dues from No. 35, | . | . | . | . | . | 7.00 |
| Cards from No. 35, | . | . | . | . | . | 1.56 |
| Dues from No. 36, | . | . | . | . | . | 5.00 |
| Dues from No. 37, | . | . | . | . | . | 3.00 |
| Dues from No. 40, | . | . | . | . | . | 9.00 |
| Cards from No. 40, | . | . | . | . | . | 2.00 |
| Dues from No. 41, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 42, | . | . | . | . | . | 5.00 |
| Dues from No. 43, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.00 |
| Cards from No. 43, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.12 |
| Dues from No. 44, | . | . | . | . | . | 6.00 |
| Dues from No. 45, | . | . | . | . | . | 5.00 |
| Dues from No. 46, | . | . | . | . | . | 4.00 |
| Dues from No. 47, | . | . | . | . | . | 13.00 |
| Dues from No. 48, | . | . | . | . | . | 8.00 |
| Cards from No. 48, | . | . | . | . | . | 2.50 |
| Dues from No. 49, | . | . | . | . | . | 12.00 |
| Dues from No. 50, | . | . | . | . | . | 16.00 |
| Dues from No. 51, | . | . | . | . | . | 17.00 |
| Cards from No. 51, | . | . | . | . | . | 1.00 |
| Digest from No. 51, | . | . | . | . | . | 0.75 |
| Dues from No. 52, | . | . | . | . | . | 38.00 |
| Cards from No. 52, | . | . | . | . | . | 1.00 |
| Dues from No. 53, | . | . | . | . | . | 7.00 |
| Dues from No. 54, | . | . | . | . | . | 11.00 |
| Dues from No. 55, | . | . | . | . | . | 11.00 |
| Dues from No. 56, | . | . | . | . | . | 15.00 |
| Dues from No. 57, | . | . | . | . | . | 26.00 |
| Dues from No. 58, | . | . | . | . | . | 14.00 |
| Dues from No. 59, | . | . | . | . | . | 31.00 |
| Cards from No. 59, | . | . | . | . | . | 5.06 |
| Dues from No. 60, | . | . | . | . | . | 24.00 |
| Charter from No. 62, | . | . | . | . | . | 30.00 |
| Charter from No. 63, | . | . | . | . | . | 30.00 |

\$1,029.25

New Haven, July 11th, 1849.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The undersigned, Committee of Finance, do

REPORT:

That we have examined the Account of the Grand Treasurer, from January, 10th, 1849, to July 11th, 1849, and find balance of cash on hand, two hundred and eleven dollars thirty cents; and twenty Shares Temple Stock, which cost three hundred dollars; also, cash in Savings Bank, five hundred and twenty three dollars forty-nine cents; making in all ten hundred and thirty-four dollars seventy-nine cents, to be carried to new Account.

O. UTLEY, } Committee on
WILLIAM MEEKER. } Finance.

Abstract of Semi-Annual returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, from January, 1849, to July, 1849, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.

| L O D G E S . | L O D G E S . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---------|----------|
| | Number. | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Relinquished. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and O. Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan's Fund. | Dues to G. Lodge. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. Fnm. reliev'd. | Brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. | Amount for Widowed Families. | Am't paid for education of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total amount paid for benevolence, &c. | | |
| Quinnipiac, | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 431 | \$1331.18 | \$000.00 | \$3418.72 | \$2270.48 | \$10 | 58 | 0 | 1 | \$630.50 | \$00.00 | \$0.00 | \$30.00 | \$220.50 |
| Charter Oak, | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 319 | 569.52 | 136.50 | 1935.23 | 1645.70 | 7 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 409.64 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 439.64 |
| Middlesex, | 3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 80 | 220.78 | 69.75 | 270.41 | 452.28 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 92.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 122.00 | |
| Pequanock, | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 4 | 188 | 414.88 | 0.00 | 502.53 | 1400.30 | 2 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 337.33 | 85.00 | 43.58 | 130.00 | 555.91 |
| Harmony, | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 272 | 938.96 | 11.50 | 1984.72 | 902.62 | 10 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 465.33 | 10.00 | 1.50 | 30.00 | 506.83 | | |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 1 | 0 | 154 | 237.61 | 52.75 | 912.36 | 809.76 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 276.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 276.00 | | |
| Samaritan, | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 281.16 | 25.69 | 396.63 | 820.25 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 41.00 | 20.00 | 5.69 | 0.00 | 66.69 | | |
| Mercantile, | 8 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 171 | 431.98 | 0.00 | 476.32 | 903.05 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 154.75 | 45.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 229.75 | | |
| Thames, | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 245 | 343.42 | 78.20 | 542.65 | 1257.48 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 269.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25.00 | 294.00 | | |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 231 | 669.66 | 0.00 | 1162.10 | 1066.96 | 21 | 19 | 2 | 1 | 148.50 | 31.50 | 5.32 | 30.00 | 215.32 | | |
| Uncas, | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 336 | 507.52 | 4590.42 | 0.00 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 6 | 279.00 | 7.50 | 0.00 | 34.00 | 320.50 | |
| Central, | 12 | 7 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 207 | 447.11 | 99.97 | 842.47 | 973.00 | 7 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 325.25 | 10.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 | 395.25 | | |
| Charity, | 13 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 150.40 | 37.60 | 500.00 | 64.88 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 174.00 | 45.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 219.00 | |
| Wopowage, | 14 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 68 | 142.22 | 28.65 | 423.98 | 293.53 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 31.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 31.00 | |
| Montawesc, | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 74 | 203.10 | 0.00 | 397.19 | 0.00 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 40.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 70.00 | |
| Washington, | 16 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 115 | 219.23 | 43.41 | 353.00 | 225.00 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 81.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 81.00 | | |
| Trumbull, | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 107.70 | 26.26 | 479.87 | 198.78 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 48.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48.00 | |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 57 | 110.30 | 18.38 | 472.97 | 208.21 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 53.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 53.00 | |
| Mystic, | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 18.49 | 50.21 | 0.00 | 90.02 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | | |
| Fenwick, | 20 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 63 | 133.43 | 20.37 | 0.00 | 231.88 | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 85.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 115.00 | |
| Nosabogan, | 21 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 94 | 334.71 | 45.45 | 566.22 | 340.09 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 168.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 168.00 | | |
| Farmers & Mech. | 22 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 116 | 232.39 | 5.00 | 1254.63 | 338.81 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 48.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 48.00 | | |
| Acanthus, | 23 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 44 | 102.25 | 0.00 | 120.34 | 92.02 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 56.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 71.00 | | |
| Rippowan, | 24 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 154.13 | 34.30 | 193.00 | 379.05 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 140.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 | | |
| Oakland, | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 50 | 146.67 | 27.43 | 55.00 | 27.43 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 22.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 22.00 | | |

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name. | No. | Where Established. | | Dist. | When Instituted. | Sessions. |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Post Office. | County. | | | |
| Quinnipiac,* | 1 | New Haven, | New Haven, | 1 | September 3d, 1839, | Every Monday. |
| Charter Oak,* | 2 | Hartford, | Hartford, | 2 | April 21st, 1840, | " Tuesday. |
| Middlesex,* | 3 | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex, | 3 | April 22d, 1840, | First and Third Mondays. |
| Pequannock, | 4 | Bridgeport, | Fairfield, | 4 | June 11th, 1841, | Every Tuesday. |
| Harmony, | 5 | New Haven, | " | 1 | June 15th, 1841, | " Tuesday. |
| Ousatonic, | 6 | Derby, | " | 6 | October 13th, 1841, | " Monday. |
| Samaritan, | 7 | Danbury, | Fairfield, | 2 | May 5th, 1842, | " Wednesday. |
| Mercantile, | 8 | Hartford, | Hartford, | 9 | June 13th, 1842, | " Friday. |
| Thames, | 9 | New London, | New London, | 7 | September 22d, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Our Brothers, | 10 | Norwalk, | Fairfield, | 8 | October 19th, 1842, | " Monday. |
| Uncas, | 11 | Norwich City, | New London, | 9 | March 10th, 1843, | " Monday. |
| Central, | 12 | Middletown, | Middlesex, | 10 | June 12th, 1843, | " Thursday. |
| Charity, | 13 | Lower Mystic, | New London, | 11 | April 11th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Wopowage, | 14 | Milford, | " | 12 | June 19th, 1844, | " Monday. |
| Montawese, | 15 | New Haven. | Windham, | 1 | January 8th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Washington, | 16 | Willimantic, | New London, | 13 | December 26th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Trumbull, | 17 | New London, | New London, | 7 | " 20th, 1844, | " Wednesday. |
| Nathan Hale, | 18 | Tolland, | Tolland, | 14 | January 17th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Mystic, | 19 | Upper Mystic, | New London, | 11 | February 27th, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Fenwick, | 20 | Essexborough, | Middlesex, | 15 | March 19th, 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Nosahogan, | 21 | Waterbury, | New Haven, | 16 | July 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Farmers and Mechanics', | 22 | Warehouse Point, | Hartford, | 17 | June 12th, 1845, | " Thursday. |
| Acanthus, | 23 | Granby, | " | 18 | August 20th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |
| Ripowan, | 24 | Stamford, | Fairfield, | 19 | October 1st, 1845, | " Wednesday. |
| Oakland, | 25 | Oakland, | Hartford, | 20 | October 9th, 1845, | " Monday. |
| Stonington, | 26 | Stonington, | New London, | 11 | Dec. 12th, 1845, | " Tuesday. |

* Original Charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

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| 27 | Greenville, | New London, | 9 | January 1st, 1846, | Every Monday. |
| 28 | Meriden, | New Haven, | 21 | March 4th, 1846, | Wednesday. |
| 29 | Bethel, | Fairfield, | 6 | March 24th, 1846, | Monday. |
| 30 | Winet, | Litchfield, | 23 | March 27th, 1846, | Friday. |
| 31 | Redding, | Fairfield, | 23 | April —, 1846, | Monday. |
| 32 | Stafford, | Tolland, | | May 14th, 1846, | Thursday. |
| 33 | Portland, | Middlesex, | | July 15th, 1846, | Wednesday. |
| 34 | Danielsonville, | Windham, | | Sept. 10th, 1846, | Thursday. |
| 35 | Litchfield, | Litchfield, | | December 10th, 1846, | Wednesday. |
| 36 | New Haven, | New Haven, | | December 24, 1846, | Wednesday. |
| 37 | New Canaan, | Fairfield, | | February 22d, 1847, | Monday. |
| 38 | Tariffville, | Hartford, | | February 22d, 1847, | Monday. |
| 39 | Windsor Locks, | " | | February —, 1847, | Monday. |
| 40 | Hartford, | " | | February 3d, 1847, | Wednesday. |
| 41 | Arcanum, | Fairfield, | | February 4th, 1847, | Thursday. |
| 42 | Franklin, | Litchfield, | | March 1st, 1847, | Monday. |
| 43 | Orion, | " | | March 17th, 1847, | Wednesday. |
| 44 | Bethel Rock, | " | | April 16th, 1847, | Friday. |
| 45 | Thompsonville, | Hartford, | | May 11th, 1847, | Tuesday. |
| 46 | Pilgrim, | Fairfield, | | June 11th, 1847, | Friday. |
| 47 | Lafayette, | Hartford, | | June 15, 1847, | Tuesday. |
| 48 | Pequabock, | " | | | Monday. |
| 49 | Siloam, | Tolland, | | | Monday. |
| 50 | Toconuc, | Litchfield, | | | Monday. |
| 51 | New Kaw, | " | | | Monday. |
| 52 | Phenix, | Hartford, | | | Monday. |
| 53 | Elm, | " | | | Monday. |
| 54 | Protection, | " | | | Monday. |
| 55 | Marion, | " | | | Monday. |
| 56 | Unity, | Tolland, | | | Monday. |
| 57 | Bacon, | Hartford, | | | Monday. |
| 58 | Southport, | Litchfield, | | | Monday. |
| 59 | Evergreen, | Fairfield, | | | Monday. |
| 60 | Vulcan, | " | | | Monday. |

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| Exeter, | 61 | New Hartford, | Litchfield, | October 27th, 1848, | Every Friday. |
| Menuncatuck, | 62 | Guilford, | New Haven, | January 11th, 1849, | " Monday. |
| Naugatuck, | 63 | Derby, | " | February 14th, 1849, | " |
| Eclectic, | 64 | Collinsville, | Hartford, | February 13th, 1849, | " Tuesday. |
| Morning Star, | 65 | New Preston, | Litchfield, | January 29th, 1849, | |
| Totatuck, | 66 | Somers, | Tolland, | January 30th, 1849, | |
| Friendship, | 67 | Madison, | New Haven, | July 11th, 1849, | " Friday. |
| Meriden Centre, | 68 | Meriden, | " | July 11th, 1849, | |

MEMBERS

OF THE

GRAND LODGE.

QUINNIPIAC LODGE, No. 1.

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Samuel Bishop, Nov. 24, 1840. | Charles K. Brown, Jan. 8, 1845. |
| Thomas J. Stafford, April 8, 1841. | Daniel H. Moore, July 8, 1845. |
| Adrian C. Heitmann, July 8, 1841. | Samuel B. Gorham, Sept. 12, 1845. |
| William H. Ellis, Oct. 14, 1841. | Walter Osborn, Jan. 14, 1846. |
| Lucius A. Thomas, April 14, 1842. | William Goodwin, Jan. 14, 1846. |
| Jonas B. Bowditch, July 14, 1842. | Frederick P. Gorham, July 8, 1846. |
| Benjamin R. Hitchcock, Oct. 27, 1842. | Cornelius Wildman, July 8, 1846. |
| William A. Goodwin, January 12, 1843. | Eliphalet G. Storer, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Isaac Judson, April 20, 1843. | Samuel H. Harris, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| Prelate Demick, July 13, 1843. | David M. Burwell, July 15, 1847. |
| Charles Ball, Jan. 11, 1844. | James M. Veader, July 12, 1848. |
| Newell C. Hall, Jan. 11, 1844. | E. B. Barnum, Jan. 10, 1849. |
| Ralph Warren, July 11, 1844. | James Barker, July 11, 1849. |
| Alexander O. Coburn, July 11, 1844. | |

CHARTER OAK LODGE, No. 2.

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| James B. Gillman, November 24, 1840. | Joseph Pratt, Jr., July 8, 1846. |
| James B. Shultas, October 14, 1841. | S. H. Havens, July 8, 1846. |
| Guy R. Phelps, January 13, 1842. | Rawson Read, January 13, 1847. |
| E. C. Kellogg, January 11, 1844. | James M. Stedman, July 15, 1847. |
| Henry Hastings, July 11, 1844. | John Hatfield, January 12, 1848. |
| Edward Button, January 8, 1845. | William Boardman, July 12, 1848. |
| Thomas H. Seymour, July 9, 1845. | Oliver Woodhouse, January 10, 1849. |
| Timothy Sheldon, July 9, 1845. | O. D. Seymour, July 11, 1849. |
| Mason Smith, July 9, 1845. | George D. Jewett, July 11, 1849. |
| Joseph W. Hale, January 14, 1846. | J. H. Mills, July 8, 1846. |

MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 3.

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| John C. Palmer, November 24, 1840. | Daniel Cone, January 14, 1846. |
| Richard S. Pratt, April 8, 1841. | W. B. Dickenson, July 15, 1847. |
| Thomas C. Boardman, April 20, 1843. | H. G. Loomis, July 15, 1847. |
| Luther Boardman, April 20, 1843. | M. E. Bailey, January 12, 1848. |
| Francis M. Palmer, January 14, 1846. | F. A. Roberts, January 12, 1848. |

PEQUANOCK LODGE, NO. 4.

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| John M. Wilson, October 18, 1842. | Charles N. Booth, January 13, 1847. |
| Eliphalet B. Stevens, October 18, 1842. | George B. Ambler, July 15, 1847. |
| Joseph Crosby, January 12, 1843. | George S. Sanford, July 15, 1847. |
| Frederick Griffith, April 20, 1843. | Israel Kelsey, January 12, 1848. |
| Edward Hamilton, July 11, 1844. | John F. Wheaton, July 12, 1848. |
| William S. Atkinson, July 11, 1844. | John Cornwall, July 11, 1849. |
| Benjamin H. Mills, January 8, 1845. | Wm. S. Pomeroy, January 10, 1849. |
| John W. Wilmot, January 8, 1845. | Wm. S. Hanford, July 11, 1849. |

HARMONY LODGE, No. 5.

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| Joseph G. Anthony, January 13, 1842. | William H. Stanley, July 9, 1845. |
| Clark Beach, January 11, 1844. | Samuel Tolles, July 8, 1846. |
| John A. Parmelee, July 11, 1844. | Ira Merwin, January 13, 1847. |
| Louis L. Beecher, January 8, 1845. | A. J. Riggs, January 13, 1847. |
| Jobamah Gunn, January 8, 1845. | John B. Adriance, January 12, 1848. |
| Lucius G. Peck, July 9, 1845. | Thomas Phillips, July 12, 1848. |

OUSATONIC LODGE, No. 6.

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| Sheldon Bassett, April 14, 1842. | Matthew Donnelly, January 14, 1846. |
| Robert Gates, Jr., July 20, 1842. | I. R. Sperry, July 15, 1847. |
| Simon Tomlinson, January 11, 1844. | Charles C. Jackson, January 12, 1848. |
| Lewis Hotchkiss, July 11, 1844. | John Wallace, July 12, 1848. |
| Horatio N. Hawkins, July 11, 1844. | Chipman S. Jackson, January 10, 1849. |
| Sydney Alling, July 11, 1844. | William Baldwin, July 11, 1849. |
| William N. Priestly, July 9, 1845. | |

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 7.

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| Stephen A. Hurlbut, April 20, 1843. | James P. Saunders, January 13, 1847. |
| William W. Bedient, July 1844. | Samuel G. Raymond, July 15, 1847. |
| John L. Ambler, January 11, 1844. | D. B. Booth, July 11, 1849. |
| David P. Nichols, July 9, 1845. | F. D. Ball, July 11, 1849. |
| Alexander Lane, July 8, 1845. | A. Chichester, July 11, 1849. |
| William F. Hoyt, January 14, 1846. | |

MERCANTILE LODGE, No. 8.

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| Ezra Clark, Jr., July 11, 1844. | L. B. Allyn, Jan. 13, 1847. |
| William B. Ely, July 9, 1845. | R. G. Drake, July 15, 1847. |
| Abel N. Clark, July 9, 1845. | A. C. Goodman, January 12, 1848. |
| John W. Danforth, July 9, 1845. | Philemon F. Robbins, July 12, 1848. |
| Benjamin Stephens, July 8, 1846. | William B. Davis, July 11, 1849. |
| Thomas Martin, July 8, 1846. | E. D. Tiffany, July 11, 1849. |

THAMES LODGE, No. 9.

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| Jesse Rich, April 20, 1843. | Thomas J. Greenwood, July 8, 1846. |
| Allen S. Wightman, July 13, 1843. | Walter Edwards, January 13, 1847. |
| Augustus C. Seaman, January 11, 1844. | J. K. Corthell, July 15, 1847. |
| Orrin F. Smith, January 11, 1844. | Robert B. Jackson, July 15, 1847. |
| Charles E. Hewett, July 11, 1844. | R. J. Kimball, July 15, 1847. |
| Henry Champlain, July 11, 1844. | Lewis D. Allen, January 12, 1848. |
| Henry Stayner, January 8, 1845. | Artemass Douglas, July 12, 1848. |
| George W. Brown, July 9, 1845. | Allen D. Smith, January 10, 1849. |
| Samuel Barry, January 14, 1845. | |

OUR BROTHERS LODGE, No. 10.

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| David H. Plumb, April 20, 1843. | George Randle, January 14, 1846. |
| Asa E. Smith, July 13, 1843. | Henry W. Smith, July 8, 1846. |
| Cholwell J. Gruman, January 11, 1844. | Peter L. Cunningham, July 8, 1846. |
| Stephen Olmsted, January 11, 1844. | George W. Smith, July 15, 1847. |
| Samuel R. Bunting, January 11, 1844. | Thomas P. Butler, January 13, 1848. |
| Asa Hill, July 11, 1844. | E. S. Quintard, January 12, 1848. |
| Richard S. Buckman, July 11, 1844. | Samuel E. Olmstead, Jan. 10, 1849. |
| Eli Curtis, January 8, 1845. | Walter C. Quintard, Jan. 10, 1849. |
| James A. Quintard, January 8, 1845. | Jehiel Gruman, January 10, 1849. |
| Samuel W. Chamberlain, July 9, 1845. | George O. Street, July 11, 1849. |
| Samuel H. Bailey, July 9, 1845. | T. Warner, Jr., July 11, 1849. |
| Levi Clarke, January 14, 1846. | |

UNCAS LODGE, No. 11.

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| John L. Devotion, July 13, 1843. | H. A. Barrows, July 8, 1846. |
| Edward W. Eells, January 11, 1844. | H. W. Benchley, July 8, 1846. |
| Charles A. Converse, July 11, 1844. | William Faulkner, January 13, 1847. |
| Philo M. Judson, January 8, 1845. | James A. Hovey, July 15, 1847. |
| David Young, July 9, 1845. | H. Hobart Roath, July 12, 1848. |
| William L. Brewer, Sept. 12, 1845. | |

CENTRAL LODGE, No. 12.

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| Stephen M. Shaddick, Jan. 11, 1844. | Elijah Beach, July 8, 1846. |
| Erastus H. Booth, January 11, 1844. | Dennis Sage, January 13, 1847. |
| Origen Utley, July 11, 1844. | William B. Casey, January 12, 1848. |
| Frederick Brewer, January 8, 1845. | J. E. Bidwell, July 12, 1848. |
| Aaron G. Pease, July 9, 1845. | Horace Caswell, July 12, 1848. |
| Langdon C. Hubbard, July 9, 1845. | William Chapman, July 12, 1848. |
| James S. Parmelee, July 9, 1845. | Charles A. Newell, January 10, 1849. |
| T. P. Abell, July 8, 1846. | |

CHARITY LODGE, No. 13.

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| William Meeker, July 11, 1844. | Grove G. King, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert G. Wolf, July 8, 1846. | Amos Clift, July 15, 1847. |
| Alonzo Williams, July 8, 1846. | |

WOPOWAGE LODGE, No. 14.

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| Benjamin P. Bush, January 8, 1845. | Horace Brown, July 13, 1847. |
| John N. Buckingham, Jan. 8, 1845. | John Burns, jr., January 12, 1848. |
| George Cornwall, 2d, July 9, 1845. | Harris Hitchcock, January 12, 1848. |
| F. C. Dayton, January 14, 1846. | A. W. French, July 12, 1848. |
| Benjamin D. Wells, July 8, 1846. | John I. Minor, January 10, 1849. |
| Lydenham Gait, January 13, 1847. | John K. Bristoll, July 11, 1849. |
| William Bush, January 13, 1847. | |

MONTAWESE LODGE, No. 15.

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| Frederick Croswell, Nov. 24, 1840. | William J. Flagg, January 13, 1847. |
| Truman Hart, July 9, 1845. | Samuel Daskam, July 15, 1847. |
| Smith Collins, July 9, 1845. | E. D. Imlay, January 12, 1848. |
| William E. Sanford, Sept. 12, 1845. | E. B. Cowles, January 10, 1849. |
| Luther P. Bradley, January 14, 1846. | C. L. Hubbard, January 10, 1849. |
| James H. Carrington, July 8, 1846. | William W. White, July 11, 1849. |
| Charles A. Saunders, January 13, 1847. | |

WASHINGTON LODGE, No. 16.

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| Lloyd E. Baldwin, July 9, 1845. | William L. King, July 13, 1847. |
| John S. R. Benchley, January 13, 1847. | Ralph Williams, July 12, 1848. |
| Joshua B. Lord, January 13, 1847. | William K. Otis, January 10, 1849. |

TRUMBULL LODGE, No. 17.

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| Cyrus C. Hughes, July 9, 1845. | F. M. Walker, January 13, 1847. |
| William S. Noyes, July 9, 1845. | William J. Gray, July 15, 1847. |
| J. N. Harris, July 9, 1845. | Louis Bristol, January 12, 1848. |
| William Mercer, July 8, 1846. | James C. Trumbull, July 12, 1848. |
| H. A. Latimer, July 8, 1846. | E. F. Havens, January 10, 1849. |
| E. B. H. Prince, January 13, 1847. | J. R. Merriman, July 11, 1849. |

NATHAN HALE LODGE, No. 18.

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| Solomon L. Griggs, January 14, 1846. | Henry Underwood, July 15, 1847. |
| William W. Brace, January 14, 1846. | Charles Underwood, January 12, 1848. |
| Reuben Allen, July 8, 1846. | Lucius Clark, January 10, 1849. |
| Elijah W. Smith, January 13, 1847. | Joseph Bishop, July 11, 1849. |

MYSTIC LODGE, No. 19.

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| L. F. Smith, July 9, 1845. | George D. Hyde, July 8, 1846. |
| Albert Saunders, January 14, 1846. | William Crum, July 15, 1847. |

FENWICK LODGE, No. 20.

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| Junius M. Willey, July 9, 1845. | George K. Stillman, July 15, 1847. |
| Nathan Pratt, January 14, 1846. | Alpheus Spencer, January 12, 1848. |
| John S. Dickenson, July 8, 1846. | James Phelps, July 12, 1848. |
| James H. Pratt, July 8, 1846. | N. A. Starkey, July 12, 1848. |
| John G. Hayden, January 13, 1847. | |

NOSAHOOGAN LODGE, No. 21.

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| William M. Pemberton, Jan. 14, 1846. | Edward L. Clarke, January 13, 1847. |
| Chas. U. C. Burton, Jan. 14, 1846. | Meritt Lane, July 15, 1847. |
| David S. Law, July 8, 1846. | George W. Benedict, July 15, 1847. |
| R. E. Hitchcock, January 13, 1847. | L. Pritchard, July 11, 1849. |

FARMERS AND MECHANICS LODGE, No. 22.

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| Bezrael Sexton, January 14, 1846. | Philip Tucker, July 15, 1847. |
| William J. Whipple, January 14, 1846. | C. A. Lord, July 15, 1847. |
| Joseph Olmsted, July 8, 1846. | R. Thrall, July 12, 1848. |
| Lodowick, Weiler, January 13, 1847. | Samuel Patchen, January 10, 1849. |
| R. M. Abbe, January 13, 1847. | |

ACANTHUS LODGE, No. 23.

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| Chester Seymour, July 8, 1846. | Wilson Dewey, July 11, 1849. |
| N. P. Pratt, July 12, 1848. | |

RIPPOWAM LODGE, No. 24.

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| William H. Buxton, Jan. 14, 1846. | Robert H. Lockwood, July 15, 1847. |
| Lorenzo Meeker, July 8, 1846. | Chauncey Ayres, January 12, 1848. |
| Joseph D. Warren, July 8, 1846. | Sands Seeley, July 12, 1848. |
| Samuel Lockwood, January 13, 1847. | Joseph P. Tobias, January 10, 1849. |
| William T. Minor, January 13, 1847. | James L. Lockwood, July 11, 1849. |

OAKLAND LODGE, No. 25.

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| Melancthon Hudson, January 14, 1845. | H. L. Moulton, July 15, 1847. |
| Henry W. Hudson, July 8, 1846. | John S. Dobson, July 12, 1848. |
| H. C. Woodbridge, July 15, 1847. | A. R. Goodrich, January 10, 1848. |
| P. D. Perry, July 15, 1847. | F. L. Buel, July 11, 1849. |
| William Dobson, July 15, 1847. | |

STONINGTON LODGE, No. 26.

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| Russel A. Dennison, January 13, 1847. | R. C. Hancox, July 12, 1848. |
| Billings Wheeler, July 15, 1847. | Calvin G. Williams, Jan. 10, 1849. |
| Charles H. Smith, July 15, 1847. | D. B. Potter, July 11, 1849. |
| Staunton Sheffield, January 12, 1848. | |

OWENECO LODGE, No. 27.

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| John R. Thayer, January 13, 1847. | Charles W. Jennings, July 12, 1848. |
| Rowland H. Gardner, Jan. 13, 1847. | A. E. Leonard, July 11, 1849. |
| Charles Crawley, January 12, 1848. | |

HANCOCK LODGE, No. 28.

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| John S. Blake, July 15, 1847. | N. W. Pomeroy, January 10, 1849. |
| William H. Treat, January 12, 1848. | Alfred Bliss, July 11, 1849. |
| John L. Treat, July 12, 1848. | |

HOWARD LODGE, No. 29.

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| John Greenwood, Jr., July 11, 1844. | Munson A. Shepherd, July 15, 1847. |
| Ethel T. Farnum, July 9, 1845. | William C. Shepard, July 12, 1848. |
| A. C. Shepard, July 8, 1846. | James R. Greenwood, Jan. 10, 1849. |
| William A. Judd, January 14, 1847. | |

UNION LODGE, No. 30.

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| Lucius H. Clark, January 13, 1847. | Sherman T. Cook, January 12, 1848. |
| Richard Spencer, July 15, 1847. | Romulus Hawley, January, 10, 1849. |
| Seth L. Wilder, January 12, 1848. | George White, July 11, 1849. |

OLIVE BRANCH LODGE, No. 31.

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| Henry H. Munroe, January 13, 1847. | John McDowell, July 11, 1849. |
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NAZARENE LODGE, No. 32.

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| Moses B. Harvey, January 13, 1847. | John R. Washburn, July 12, 1848. |
| Jasper H. Bolton, January 13, 1847. | Francis D. Johnson, July 12, 1848. |
| Carlos Prouty, July 15, 1847. | W. H. Read, July 11, 1849. |

FREESTONE, LODGE, No. 33.

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| Alfred Hall, July 8, 1846. | George H. Taylor, July 11, 1849. |
| S. N. Hall, January 10, 1849. | |

QUINNEBAUG LODGE, No. 34.

Abiel Converse, January 13, 1847.

Elisha Frissell, July 15, 1847.

Daniel C. Flisk, July 12, 1848.

J. D. Bigelow, July 11, 1849.

COLUMBIAN LODGE, No. 35.

Francis Bacon, January 12, 1848.

Samuel O. Meafoy, January 12, 1848.

George Seymour, July 12, 1848.

Philip Welles, January 10, 1849.

Frederick D. Beeman, July 11, 1849.

CITY LODGE, No. 36.

Thomas C. Hollis, July 14, 1842.

Noah Chandler, January 12, 1843.

Robert H. Starr, April 20, 1843.

John C. Hayden, January 11, 1844.

Andrew L. Brown, July 11, 1845.

William N. Clayton, Jan. 14, 1846.

Theodore Werner, January 13, 1847.

Joel B. Foot, July 15, 1847.

Russell W. Norton, January 12, 1848.

Elias T. Main, July 12, 1848.

Lucius Hine, January 12, 1849.

WOOSTER LODGE, No. 37.

Egbert Mead, July 15, 1847.

James Patison, January 12, 1848.

Ebenezer Ayres, January 10, 1849.

H. B. Hoyt, July 11, 1849.

TUNXIS LODGE, No. 38.

James Trumbull, July 12, 1848.

James Wallace, July 12, 1848.

Andrew W. Fox, July 11, 1849.

PINE MEADOW LODGE, No. 39.

Josiah S. Rice, July 15, 1847.

R. Kendall, July 11, 1849.

HYPERION LODGE, No. 40.

Nathan M. Waterman, April 8, 1841.

John W. Johnson, January 11, 1844.

H. L. Miller, January 11, 1844.

A. M. Gordon, July 11, 1844.

Edson Fessenden, January 8, 1845.

Jared B. Flagg, January 13, 1847.

John B. Eldridge, July 15, 1847.

John M. Riggs, January 12, 1848.

L. T. Welles, July 12, 1848.

M. M. Merriman, July 11, 1849.

Ezra S. Hamilton, July 11, 1849.

ARCANUM LODGE, No. 41.

Ira Morse, July 15, 1847.

Mumford Butts, January 12, 1848.

William H. Williams, July 12, 1848.

Henry Osborn, July 11, 1849.

FRANKLIN LODGE, No. 42.

Andrew Terry, July 15, 1846.

Elisha Johnson, January 12, 1848.

Henry E. Reed, July 12, 1848.

Samuel T. Salisbury, January 10, 1849.

Milo Hoadley, July 11, 1849.

ORION LODGE, No. 43.

Wm. S. Philips, January 12, 1848.

William S. Wetmore, July 12, 1848.

Orlando Pease, January 10, 1849.

B. B. Woodford, July 11, 1849.

BETHEL ROCK LODGE, No. 44.

Silas Chapin, July 15, 1847. | Charles H. Webb, January 10, 1849.
Charles G. Judson, July 12, 1848. | L. S. Putnam, July 11, 1849.

THOMPSONVILLE LODGE, No. 45.

George C. Owen, July 15, 1847. | John Walker, July 12, 1848.
John Seekell July 12, 1848. | Wm. Anderson, July 11, 1849.

PILGRIM LODGE, No. 46.

James Scott, 2nd, January 12, 1848. | Daniel Lovejoy, July 11, 1849.
Augustus Lyon, January 10, 1849. |

LAFAYETTE LODGE, No. 47.

Hiram B. Case, January 12, 1848. | William M. Churchill, Jan. 10, 1849.
L. H. Hamlin, July 12, 1848. |

PEQUABOCK LODGE, No. 48.

Alphonso Barnes, January 12, 1848. | Ralph E. Terry, July 11, 1849.
Edward L. Dunbar, July 12, 1848. |

SILAM LODGE, No. 49.

Edward W. Gilman, January 12, 1848. | Edwin W. McLean, July 11, 1849.
C. Hibbard, July 12, 1848. | Alden Skinner, July 11, 1849.

TOCCONNUC LODGE, No. 50.

George A. Darrow, January 10, 1849. |

NAW KAW LODGE, No. 51.

A. P. P. Camp, January 12, 1848. |

PHENIX LODGE, No. 52.

George M. Landers, July 12, 1848. | Henry E. Russell, July 11, 1849.
D. W. C. Pond, July 11, 1849. |

ELM LODGE, No. 53.

Henry H. Dickinson, Oct. 18, 1842. | A. S. Cowles, January 10, 1849.
George H. Olmsted, July 12, 1848. | Ransom Riley, July 11, 1849.

PROTECTION LODGE, No. 54.

S. M. Dart, July 11, 1849. | C. V. Peckham, July 11, 1849.

MARION LODGE, No. 55.

Henry M. Fitch, July 11, 1848. | Lucius J. Hendee, July 11, 1849.
Sylvester G. Gilbert, January 10, 1849. |

UNITY LODGE, No. 56.

Daniel A. Tuttle, January 10, 1849. | Riley H. Fuller, July 11, 1849.

BACON LODGE, No. 57.

Samuel A. Kellogg, January 10, 1849. | Thomas Spencer, July 11, 1849.

SOUTHPORT LODGE, No. 58.

Henry Sturges, January 10, 1849. | Francis Jelliff, July 11, 1849.

EVERGREEN LODGE, No. 59.

Andrew Northrop, July 11, 1849. |

VULCAN LODGE, No. 60.

William E. Moore, January 10, 1849. | Sherman Jaqua, July 11, 1849.

EXCELSIOR LODGE, No. 61.

William S. Nash, July 11, 1849. |

MENUNCATUCK LODGE, No. 62.

Willard L. Sears, July 11, 1849. |

ECLECTIC LODGE, No. 64.

L. T. Pearson, July 11, 1849. |

MORNING STAR LODGE, No. 65.

F. Chittenden, July 11, 1849. |

TOTATUCK LODGE, No. 66.

Calvin J. Thompson, July 11, 1849. |

APPENDIX.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS.

*Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the
State of New York, City of New York.*

June 25th, 1849.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER :

By direction of the Standing Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of New York, it is my duty to transmit the following to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and each State Grand Lodge and Encampment.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM H. H. PRALL,

Grand Secretary.

OFFICERS AND BRETHREN :

Your attention for a season is respectfully asked in behalf of your brethren of the Order in the State of New York, adhering to the Grand Lodge working under the Constitution, adopted in November, 1847.

The rights and privileges of that Grand Lodge have been assailed in a manner which, if submitted to by the Order at large, will destroy the freedom and independence of State Grand bodies, and impair the usefulness and perpetuity of Odd Fellowship.

We regard our Order in this country as an institution of the present, not of the past. Its earliest existence, and its continued history, can be traced by its recorded journals. Its charges, regulations and lectures, as well as its Constitutions and Laws, owe their origin to American, and not foreign legislation. It is entirely separated from the English Orders, and we cannot, and should not, refer to them for any illustration of our principles.

As an American institution, its principles of government should be founded upon, and expounded, by those principles which belong to a free republican country. Those principles are, that all governments exist by the consent of, and for the benefit of the governed, who, by their responsible rep-

representatives, legislate for the good of the whole, under restrictions contained in written Constitutions and Laws.

Our Constitution and Laws, therefore, contain the provisions and limitations by which the many confer upon the few, who are the agents and servants of the whole, those powers of legislation which, in so large and widely extended an Order, cannot be exercised by all. They are the grants of power; and whatever is not so granted must be considered as withheld by, and belonging to the whole. Any exercise of power not specifically granted by our Constitutions and Laws, and not necessarily belonging to specially delegated powers, is usurpation. If without special authority one power in our Order is usurped by our agents and servants, the whole may be so usurped; and then Odd Fellowship, instead of being an institution moving in harmony with the genius of a free government, will be one of despotism, commanding us as members to obey that which as citizens we abhor, and would resist.

The Order in New York has suffered from this usurpation, as the following facts will prove:

1st. In August, 1846, at the Annual Session of our Grand Lodge, which was attended by Representatives from all parts of the State, the old Constitution was considered so defective, that by a vote of 129 to 13, a Convention was called to revise and submit a new Constitution for adoption.

2d. After the Constitution had been thus revised and submitted, and before its final approval by the Lodges, in December, 1846, at an adjourned quarterly session, when but few were present, except from the city of New York, the action of the Annual Session was illegally rescinded and the session closed.

3d. At the first meeting of the next quarterly session, held in February, 1847, a motion was regularly made and seconded to reconsider the action in December. This motion the Grand Master declared out of order. An appeal was taken from the decision, which he refused to entertain. A motion to declare the December proceedings null and void shared the same fate. A motion to rescind the proceedings in December shared the same fate.

4th. The majority who attended the February Session, 1847, being prevented by the Grand Master from exercising their rights of legislation, appealed to the Grand Lodge of the U. S., with the consent of our State Grand Lodge, and the G. L. of the U. S., in September, 1847, set aside the decisions of the Grand Master, as well as the action of December, 1846, and referred the form of Constitution reported by the Convention, to the G. L. of N. Y., with a direction to take up the same at the November Session, 1847, and act upon the same, with full power to adopt or reject, or amend and adopt the same, as if regularly and formally before us for final action, pursuant to the old Constitution.

5th. At said November Session, 1847, the Grand Lodge of New York did take up the said form of Constitution and act upon the same, and by a vote of 202 ayes to 77 noes, amended and adopted the same, and declared that it should be in full force and effect from and after the close of that session, and that the Constitution previously in force should be annulled, and of no further force and effect; and this was so stated from the Chair by the G. M. himself. The session closed 6th November, 1847.

6th. No appeal was taken from the action of our Grand Lodge, to the G. L. of the U. S., nor was its consent to any such appeal asked. The mandate of our Grand Lodge went forth, requiring all of its Lodges and members to observe and support the New Constitution so adopted.

7th. On the 1st of December, 1847, the Grand Master of our Grand Lodge issued a Proclamation which attempted to set aside the action of the Grand Lodge of November, by declaring that the Old Constitution was then, and would remain in full force, until the G. L. of the U. S., approved of the New Constitution. An issue was thus presented to the Lodges and members in this State, whether they should obey the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master; and more than two-thirds of the Lodges promptly decided to obey the Grand Lodge, and disregard the Proclamation as a nullity, being founded on usurpation, neither the Old or New Constitution giving him the power by proclamation to nullify the legislation of the body which elected him.

8th. To prevent discord and confusion, a large number of Lodges applied to the Grand Sire to call a Special Session of the G. L. of the U. S., to settle the difficulties likely to follow from the Proclamation. Instead of convening the Constitutional body, created by the State Grand Lodges and Encampments, he convened a Board of Commissioners, created by himself, and sent them to New York to sit in judgment upon our Grand Lodge. No warrant being found in the Constitution for such a body, the majority of the Order would not be represented before it, nor consent to abide by its decisions. It proceeded *ex-parte*, and decided that the New Constitution had not been legally adopted; thus exercising an appellate power, which even the G. L. of the U. S. could not exercise, without the consent of our State Grand Lodge.

9th. Before the decision of the Commission had been made, a small body of P. G's., with the Grand Master held meetings in the city of New York, under the old annulled Constitution, and had commenced the work of suspending and expelling Lodges and members, and of giving notice thereof to other jurisdictions; and also chartering Lodges in a manner not warranted by the New Constitution.

10th. At the Session of the G. L. of the U. S., in 1848, two sets of Representatives presented credentials from the State of New York, one appointed in pursuance of the New, and the other in pursuance of the Old Constitution. That body, instead of being governed by the minutes of our Grand Lodge, assumed the power, without any appeal being before it, of investigating into the regularity of our proceedings, by evidence offered for the purpose of invalidating our minutes—a course of action without a parallel in the history of that body. On the last day, and almost the last hour of that Session, a majority of that body admitted the Representatives appointed under the Old Constitution, and resolved to recognize the body which appointed them as the only rightful Grand Lodge; thus, in effect, without a Constitutional appeal, and without any warrant contained in the Constitution, disfranchising more than two-thirds of the Lodges in this State.

11th. In this condition were we placed at the close of the last Session of the G. L. of the U. S.; more than one hundred Lodges declared expelled or suspended, and more than fifty declared spurious, for acting in obedience to the authority of the rightful Grand Lodge of this State and the mandates of the G. L. U. S. of 1847;—and this declaration obtained by the exercise of usurped powers by the Grand Master of this State, the Grand Sire in the recess of the G. L. of the U. S., and finally by the Grand Lodge of the U. S.

12th. A respectable minority of the G. L. of the U. S., believing the decision of that body wrong and unconstitutional, have tendered us their sympathy and support. Sustained thereby, we have continued our organ-

ization, and carry on the benevolent work of our Order. There are now upwards of two hundred and fifty Lodges working harmoniously under our jurisdiction. This large number are considered out of the pale of the Order by the officers of the G. L. of the U. S. ; and yet our only fault has been a determined opposition to usurped powers, and an unwavering adherence to the written Constitution and Laws of the Order.

If the efforts which have been made to crush the majority of the Order in this State, should ultimately prove successful, then will encouragement be given elsewhere to minorities to bring discord and confusion upon their jurisdictions, by invoking the aid of proclamations of Grand Masters and Grand Sires, and Grand Commissioners, to destroy the legislation of legally constituted Grand Lodges. We therefore feel called upon, as well out of regard to correct principles of government in our Order, as in reference to the peculiar situation in which we find ourselves placed, to invoke the attention of the Order, in other jurisdictions, to our condition, with a view that such instructions may be given to their Grand Representatives to the next Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as will place us, who have committed no offence, in union and correspondence with the whole Order in the United States.

Respectfully submitted, in F. L. and T.

DANIEL P. BARNARD, M. W. GRAND MASTER.

JETUR GARDINER, R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

ANDREW SAUL, R. W. GRAND WARDEN.

WILLIAM H. H. PRALL, R. W. GRAND SECRETARY.

THEODORE A. WARD, R. W. GRAND TREASURER.

SEMI-ANNUAL SESSION.

Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of Conn., }
NEW HAVEN, Wednesday, January 9, 1860. }

In accordance with its Constitution and By-Laws, the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, assembled this day at 2 o'clock, P. M., in Semi-Annual Session.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed P. G. M., J. M. Willey, Grand Chaplain, *pro tempore*, and after prayer, the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

PRESENT :

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| M. W. GEORGE S. SANFORD, | of No. 4, <i>Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. LLOYD E. BALDWIN, | of No. 16, <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i> |
| R. W. ORIGIN UTLEY, | of No. 12, <i>Grand Warden.</i> |
| R. W. ADRIAN C. HEITMANN, | of No. 1, <i>Grand Secretary.</i> |
| R. W. SAMUEL BISHOP, | of No. 1, <i>Grand Treasurer.</i> |

And Representatives from a quorum of Lodges.

The M. W. G. Master made the following appointments :

Committee on Elections, P. G. M. Willey of No. 20, Representatives H. N. Hawkins of No. 6, and Geo. D. Hyde of No. 19.

Committee on Elections made the following report, which was accepted, and the Past Grands named therein, were admitted and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut :

The Committee on Elections, beg leave to

REPORT :

That they have examined the credentials of the following named Past Grands, and find them correct.

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| J. M. WILLEY, | } Committee. |
| H. N. HAWKINS, | |
| G. D. HYDE, | |

- No. 1,—John L. Fairchild,
No. 2,—William Hale.
No. 3,—Samuel Daniels.
No. 4,—Charles H. Curtiss.
No. 6,—Charles B. Johnson.
No. 8,—E. T. Goodrich.
No. 9,—Simeon A. Jordan.
No. 10,—Samuel Lynes.
No. 14,—David Mills, Jr.
No. 15,—Francis Turner, Joshua Pearl.
No. 16,—William H. Branch.
No. 18,—Carlos W. Clapp.
No. 20,—Lorenzo Redfield.
No. 22,—Samuel Watson, Edwin B. Dimock.
No. 24,—Phillip H. Brown.
No. 25,—F. L. Buell, Wells Buckland.
No. 26,—Albегence Hyde,
No. 28,—Charles B. Holland.
No. 30,—H. J. Norton.
No. 32,—James Risley.
No. 33,—Wm. H. Bartlett.
No. 34,—Thomas Backus, Jr.
No. 35,—Sheldon Morris.
No. 36,—Fitch M. Parker, John M. Hendrick.
No. 39,—F. M. Brown.
No. 41,—Philip B. Segee.
No. 42,—Thomas Scott.
No. 44,—William Cothren.
No. 45,—John Hunter.
No. 46,—James P. Smith.
No. 48,—Erastus Foster, A. T. Robinson.
No. 49,—E. P. Allyn.
No. 50,—John A. McArthur.
No. 51,—A. G. Bradford.
No. 52,—Gad Stanley.
No. 53,—James A. Moore.
No. 54,—Elihu Hubbard.
No. 55,—Owen C. White.
No. 56,—Phineas B. Goodwin.
No. 57,—Augustus W. Lord.
No. 58,—Edwin Taylor, 2d.
No. 60,—George Watson.
No. 61,—Benjamin G. Loomis.
No. 62,—James Munroe.
No. 63,—Hiram W. Hubbard.
No. 64,—Nathan L. Polk.
No. 65,—Julius Cable.
No. 66,—John W. Little.
No. 67,—Reynold Webb.
No. 68,—George Redfield.

The Grand Secretary read the proceedings of a special meeting of the Executive Council, which, on motion, were approved.

Reading of the Journal of last session was commenced, when, on motion, the further reading was dispensed with.

P. G. Wm. Branch of No. 16, presented himself for admission without a certificate.

On motion, *Voted*, That P. G. Wm. Branch, be admitted to the Grand Lodge, but that hereafter no new P. G. be admitted as a member without the proper certificate.

The Grand Master announced the following appointments :

Representatives Johnson, of No. 40, Grand Conductor, *pro tempore* ; Hall, of No. 1, Grand Marshall, *pro tempore* ; Nash, of No. 61, Grand Guardian, *pro tempore*.

Committee on Finance.—D. B. Potter, of No. 26 ; A. Barnes, of No. 48 ; C. A. Newell, of No. 12.

Committee on Grievance.—E. G. Storer, of No. 1 ; T. Sheldon, of No. 2 ; W. L. Sears, of No. 60 ; T. Backus, Jr., of No. 34 ; J. H. Bolton, of No. 32 ; Curtis, of No. 4 ; Bishop, of No. 18.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Thomas, of No. 1 ; Seymour, of No. 2 ; Ball, of No. 7 ; Webb, of No. 67 ; Mills, Jr., of No. 14.

The M. W. Grand Master made the following report :

Right Worthy Grand Officers and Representatives :

In accordance with established custom, the Grand Master should, at this time, lay before you a summary of his official acts.

In presenting this report, I embrace the opportunity to congratulate you upon the continued prosperity and harmony with which our Order has been blessed, throughout this jurisdiction.

I avail myself also of the opportunity to testify my grateful acknowledgments to the District Deputy Grand Masters, who, by the faithful and impartial discharge of their duties, have rendered essential service.

At the last Session of this Right Worthy Body, a Charter was granted for a Lodge, to be located in the town of Madison, New Haven County, to be known and hailed as Friendship Lodge, No. 67.

I therefore, immediately after the adjournment, issued a dispensation to Past Grand Master Prelate Demick, empowering him to open and constitute said Lodge, and present the Charter, with all necessary books and instructions. By returns received from this distinguished brother, I learn, that with the assistance of Past Grand Master Croswell, Grand Treasurer Bishop, Grand Representative Sanford, Past Grands Merwin, Gorham and Woodruff, and a respectable delegation of brothers from Guilford, he instituted said Lodge, in regular form, on the 12th day of July, at which time ten highly respectable citizens were received by initiation. The Officers elected and installed, were Charles Smith, N. G. ; William H. Cadwell, V.

G. ; Edward C. Hill, Secretary ; William B. Hunter, Treasurer. Past Grand Master Demick informs me that this new Lodge is made up of most worthy and excellent citizens, and bids fair to be the instrument of much good in the community where it is located.

A Charter was also granted for a Lodge to be located in the town of Meriden, New Haven County, to be known as Meriden Centre Lodge, No. 68. With the aid of Past Grand Master Croswell, Grand Treasurer Bishop, Grand Warden Utley, Grand Representative Sanford, and a number of Past Grands and brothers from Middletown and Meriden, I instituted this Lodge on the 27th day of July. After the presentation of the Charter, with all needful books and instructions, I installed the Officers as follows, viz:—John Parker, N. G. ; Charles Pomeroy, V. G. ; Charles Parker, Secretary ; Horace Redfield, Treasurer. Thirty-six brothers were admitted by card. This Lodge commences under flattering circumstances, and will, I doubt not, become a flourishing and useful branch of our Order.

On the 5th day of September, I received from Right Worthy Grand Representative, William T. Minor, a resignation of his office. In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, I immediately communicated this information to the Executive Council ; at the same time calling upon them to meet me at the Grand Lodge Room, in the city of New Haven, on the 10th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for the appointment of a substitute. In compliance with said call, the Council assembled, when the appointment was tendered to several of our most distinguished brothers, who declined. Past Grand Samuel Lockwood, Jr., of Rippowam Lodge, No. 24, accepted, and was immediately furnished with the necessary credentials. It being of the utmost importance that our Representatives should be at their posts at the opening of the Session, he was so instructed, and proceeded without delay to the discharge of the duties of his office.

On the 12th day of September, assisted by Grand Secretary Heitmann, and Past Grand Representative Abel, I officiated in the ceremony of dedicating the new and splendid Hall, recently finished by Hancock Lodge, No. 28, in the town of Meriden. The zeal and perseverance of the members of this Lodge are worthy of much commendation ; and their new Hall, erected to supply the place of one lately destroyed by fire, reflects great credit upon their taste and fidelity to the principles of the Order.

On the 21st day of September, I officiated at the dedication of a new and beautiful Hall, erected by Evergreen Lodge, No. 59, at Brookfield ; upon which occasion I was gratified with the assistance of Past Grand Master Willey, Past Grands Wilson and Cornwall, of No. 4, Past Grands Huribut and Dibble, of No. 7, and Past Grand Farnham, of No. 20. I also had the pleasure of participating in the exercises of their first Anniversary, and listening to a most able exposition of the principles and objects of Odd Fellowship, by Past Grand Master Willey. Upon this occasion I granted the use of the Grand Lodge Banner.

On the 11th day of October, I received a petition, accompanied by the Charter fee and withdrawal cards, from seven brothers residing in the town of Westport, Fairfield County, praying for a Lodge to be located in that place, to be hailed and known as Saugatuck Lodge, No. 69 ; the applicants were favorably recommended by the two nearest, viz:—Our Brothers and Southport Lodges. I submitted the petition to the Executive Council, and, upon their favorable decision, issued a dispensation, subject to your approv-

al, and on the 1st day of November, assisted by Past Grands Booth and Kelsey, of No. 4, and a large number of Past Grands and brothers, from adjoining Lodges, instituted the Lodge and installed the following Officers, viz:—Street H. Keeler, N. G.; James Smibert, V. G.; William Ogden, Secretary; William Wood, Treasurer; and initiated one applicant; one brother was also admitted by card. From the high respectability of the petitioners, I feel confident that success will attend their efforts. The first term of this Lodge was directed to extend to the first meeting in July next.

On the 24th day of October, I made an official visit to Wopowage Lodge, No. 14, in the town of Milford, and gave such instructions as were required. I found this Lodge in a highly prosperous condition, the brothers maintaining a strict adherence to the essential principles of Odd Fellowship.

On the 23d day of November, I made an official visit to Union Lodge, No. 30, in the town of Winsted. This Lodge I found in a flourishing condition, with about seventy members, evincing a determination to promote, by every means in their power, the best interests of the Order. I there witnessed the ceremony of initiation performed in a most beautiful and impressive manner.

On the 30th day of November, I received a petition from Thames Lodge, No. 9, praying that the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge at its last session, in the case of the appeal of brother Charles G. Avery, from the action of Thames Lodge, be suspended until the next session of this Right Worthy Body; that Thames Lodge might be afforded an opportunity which they were unavoidably deprived of, in the investigation of said case, to appear and show cause why said resolution should not be sustained. The brothers of Thames Lodge, feeling much aggrieved by the decision of the Grand Lodge, in said case, and presenting strong and satisfactory reasons for requesting a hearing, I issued notice to said Lodge, and also to brother Avery, that the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge, at its last Session, in relation to said appeal, (page 506, printed proceedings,) was suspended until the January Session of said Grand Lodge, in order that a new hearing might be obtained. The petition and accompanying documents are herewith submitted.

In compliance with the resolution passed at the last Session of this Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have, each respectively, to the acceptance of the Grand Master, executed bonds to the Grand Lodge, with two sureties, in the sum of one thousand dollars; conditioned, that they severally, faithfully account for, and pay over all monies entrusted in their hands by virtue of their Offices.

By an Act passed at the last Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the payment of Representatives to that body is hereafter to be made from its Treasury; the funds for the same to be raised by assessment upon each State Grand Lodge, pro rata, to the number of members reported. I would therefore suggest that each Lodge, within this jurisdiction, should immediately notify its members who may be in arrears, and that all brothers who neglect the payment of their dues, be, within a reasonable time, suspended, that said assessment may be made only upon the actual number of paying members.

The payment of the first assessment, under this Act, will be called for early in May next. I would respectfully recommend that a proper Officer,

with the advice of the Executive Council, be authorized to draw from the Treasury the amount required to meet the demand.

The accounts of our late Grand Secretary still remaining unsettled, I would recommend that a Committee be appointed to adjust the matter.

I have this day received from Past Grand Hyde, of Mystic Lodge, No. 19, information that said Lodge is desirous, at this time, to surrender its Charter, reasons for which he is prepared to lay before you.

It gives me no small pleasure, brothers, to offer gratulations upon the final and amicable settlement of the unhappy difficulties which so lately threatened a disorganization of our Order. The recent conciliatory and decisive action, taken by the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the difficulties formerly existing in the State of New York, will restore to us full confidence in her wisdom and justice. The able Report to be submitted by your Right Worthy Grand Representatives, is commended to your attention.

GEO. S. SANFORD,

Grand Master.

On motion of P. G. M. Willey, *Voted*, that the report be accepted and spread upon the records, and that it be referred to a special committee of three.

The Grand Master appointed on said Committee, P. G. M. J. M. Willey, Representatives J. Hatfield, of No. 2; and Rewell Thrall of No. 22.

The Semi-Annual returns of Subordinates, were, on motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

The Committee, to whom was referred the Grand Master's report, submitted the following, which was accepted, and the committee discharged.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the M. W. Grand Master, have attended to the duties of their commission, and beg leave to recommend that so much of the Grand Master's Report as relates to Charters for new Lodges, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of the Report as relates to Thames Lodge, No. 9, be referred to the Committee on Grievance.

That so much of the Report as relates to the accounts of the late Grand Secretary, be referred to a special committee of two.

All of which is respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

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| J. M. WILLEY, | } Committee. |
| J. HATFIELD, | |
| REWEL THRALL, | |

The Grand Master appointed Representatives Stanley, of No. 5, Brown, of No. 39, Bristoll, of No. 14, a Committee on Charters for new Lodges.

And Representatives W. T. Minor, of No. 24, and Thomas, of No. 1, a committee on the accounts of the late Grand Secretary.

An appeal from brother Cephas R. Childs, from the decision of Naw Kaw Lodge, No. 51, was read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Grievance.

A memorial from brother C. G. Avery, of Thames Lodge, No. 9; also communications from Thames Lodge, No. 9, were, on motion, referred to Committee on Grievance.

Petition of Elm Lodge, No. 53, read and referred to Committee on Grievance.

An appeal from members of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, against certain action of said Lodge—read and referred to Committee on Grievance.

A communication from National Washington Monument Association was read, and on motion, referred to a special committee.

The Grand Master appointed on said committee, P. G. M. J. M. Willey, of No. 20, and Representative J. W. Johnson, of No. 40.

The Grand Treasurer's account was read and referred to Committee on Finance.

The following bills were read and referred to Committee on Finance, viz :

A. C. Heitmann, \$99.61 ; George B. Bassett, \$2.00 ; Stephen L. Ford, \$5.00 ; Wm. H. Stanley, \$95.98.

The Grand Master submitted a petition from Street H. Kee-ler and seven others, to whom he had granted a dispensation, praying for a Charter for a Lodge to be located at Westport, to be hailed by the title of Saugatuck Lodge, No. 69, was received, and on motion referred to the committee on new Lodges.

On motion, *Voted*, to suspend the rule to allow the following motion :

Resolved, That the sum of \$15 be appropriated from the funds of this Grand Lodge, to defray the expenses of the Executive Council, at their meeting held in September last.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

The Grand Secretary submitted an amended blank, for Semi-Annual reports, which, on motion, was approved.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 7 o'clock, this evening.

Evening Session, 7 o'clock, P. M.

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment.

Same Officers and members present; the Grand Lodge was called to order and found correct.

The Committee on Elections made an additional report which was read, accepted, and the Grand Warden was directed to confer the degree in the Ante-room on

Samuel Daniels, Middlesex, No. 3.

Charles B. Johnson, Ousatonic, No. 6.

Committee on Finance reported the Grand Treasurer's account as correct, and also sundry bills referred to them. On motion, the report was accepted, and bills ordered paid.

Grand Master's bill, amounting to \$12.51, was read and referred to Committee on Finance, who reported the same as correct; when, on motion, the bill was ordered paid.

On motion, *Voted*, To suspend the rule, to hear report of Grand Representatives.

The following report was then read, and on motion, *Voted*, That it be accepted and spread on the Journal.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connections:

The undersigned, Grand Representatives, delegated by this Right Worthy Body to represent its interests and views in the Grand Lodge of the United States, having attended the session of that body at Baltimore, in September last, herewith present an account of its most important proceedings.

The most important question coming before that body, was the difficulties in New York. It was evident, even before the opening of the session, that a majority of the members came there with a settled conviction that justice required a restoration of rights to the disfranchised portion of the Order in New York. The subject came up on a motion to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the state of the Order in New York, which was carried. That Committee after ably examining, in their report, the whole subject and its bearings, recommended the erection of the divorced portion of the Order in that State into a new jurisdiction, within certain geographical limits. Thus constituting two jurisdictions in the State, to be designated the Grand Lodges of Northern and Southern New York. The report and resolutions of the Committee, with some slight amendments were adopted by a vote of 53 to 25. The Grand Representatives from New York entered a protest against the interference of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the jurisdiction of New York. Had the question been isolated

from the peculiar circumstances of the case, your Representatives would have felt bound to sustain that protest; but fully believing that legislative bodies possess, necessarily, the power of remedying evils of their own creation, your Representatives felt, that in voting for this act, they were not acknowledging the right of the Grand Lodge of the United States to trench upon the powers of State jurisdictions, but merely assenting to a compromise to enable that body to remedy its own error of previous legislation. By this act, was settled a question of grave and momentous consequence. A question, as the Committee declared, "fraught with the perils of distraction, that had disturbed the Order, even to the point of disruption."

An important change was made in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, in regard to the payment of the expenses of Grand Representatives, which is fully explained in the following amendment and resolutions.

ART. XII, of the Constitution was amended by the addition of the following Section.

5. "*The expenses of Representatives and Officers, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.*"

To carry into effect this amendment, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the pay of Representatives to, and Officers of this Body, (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed,) shall be three dollars per diem, during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Be it further resolved, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and Officers, shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled, from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States and back again; the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

And be it further resolved, That the said per diem allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer, on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

And be it further resolved, That to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary shall make an annual assessment upon each State Grand Body—said assessment to be estimated pro rata upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Bodies respectively.

Resolved, That the representative tax assessed by Art. XII, Sec. 4, be, and it is hereby ordered to be hereafter appropriated towards the payment of expenses of Representatives, as provided for in the amendment to Art. XII. adopted at this session.

Resolved, That the officers of this Lodge, in making an assessment in conformity with resolutions adopted at this session, shall make an assessment merely for such sums as may be necessary in addition to the representative tax.

This measure, your Representatives believe to be just and proper, inasmuch as heretofore, those jurisdictions located geographically near to Baltimore have incurred but small expense to secure their voice in the Grand Lodge, while those more remotely situated have found the tax onerous and burdensome. By the present law, each Grand Body, however it may

be situated, will share equally in the expense in proportion to the number of its subordinate members, which may fairly be presumed to be in a just proportion to its ability. And as the representative tax is to be appropriated to the same purpose, the aggregate amount paid by State jurisdictions, will be diminished nearly two thousand dollars.

The following resolutions, designating the city of Cincinnati, Ohio, as the place of meeting for the next session of the Grand Lodge, and providing also for a special session to revise its Constitution, were adopted :

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge shall have passed upon the business brought and to be brought before it, instead of closing the present session, it shall adjourn to the second Monday of September, 1850, to meet at the city of Cincinnati, then and there to take into consideration the present Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to digest and agree to report the same, with such alterations or amendments as may be deemed advisable; which, having been agreed upon, shall be entered upon the minutes of the session, as a proposition to amend the Constitution, and shall lay on the table until the next Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, to be considered and acted upon by the Representatives to that session, in the manner and form prescribed by the present Constitution.

Resolved, That at such adjourned session the Grand Lodge of the United States will not entertain any motion for, or transact any business except that mentioned in the above resolution.

It was evident early in the session, that the minds of a majority of the members were awake to the evils, which were likely to arise from permitting the exercise of a power, so extraordinary and unlimited, as had been claimed by those who had held the controlling influence in the business of the Grand Lodge. Many of the State jurisdictions had instructed their Representatives, to place upon her records their denial of such powers. It was but too evident from the events of the past two years, that if steps were not taken to confine the Grand Lodge of the United States, within explicit and well defined limits, the harmony and well being of the Order might be jeopardized or destroyed, whenever a faction could gain temporary control of that body. The above resolutions were adopted, after mature deliberation, on the last day of the Session, with very little opposition, except from the jurisdictions of Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and District of Columbia; New England, the most remotely situated portion, giving but three votes out of sixteen in opposition to the measure.

The Order ranks among its members many brothers of distinguished ability and enlarged views; and impressed as the whole Order is with the importance of the measure; with ample time for consideration and unlimited scope in its revision—we may look forward with confident expectation that the constitutional laws of the Order will be placed upon a firm basis, adapted to our free institutions, and commensurate with the wants of our widely extended institution.

For several years past the time of the Grand Lodge has been occupied, and its records lumbered, with questions upon points of order, usages and other unimportant matters, which before the publication of the Digest appeared to be well understood and unquestioned. Questions the most trivial have been made the subject of grave deliberation,—“whether a V. G. could wear the N. G's. Regalia when he took the Chair in his absence,”

"whether a citizen in a State or Territory where there is no Lodge, can be initiated in an adjoining State"—are but specimens of about fifty presented at the last session, and the Report of the Grand Sire, was principally made up in rehearsing his decisions on points of similar importance, during the recess. The ease with which decisions were thus obtained, induced subordinate officers, lodges and even individual members, (disliking the decisions of superior officers of their own jurisdiction, or even the enactments of the Grand Bodies) to raise questions for the decision of the Grand Sire, or Grand Lodge, glossed of course with the color of their own minds, and often, the solemn acts of State jurisdictions, or their executive Officers, have been set at naught by the hasty opinion of a committee, or the Grand Sire, either of whom were profoundly ignorant of the local laws or usages, upon which the acts were predicated. This course has contributed in no small degree towards the usurpations of the Grand Lodge. To remedy this evil, the following resolution was adopted, which it is hoped will prove a salutary correction.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States, will neither entertain or consider any resolution or inquiry as to the laws or usages of the Order, unless the same be brought before the body, by an appeal from the decision of a State Grand Lodge, or unless the same be presented by a State Grand Lodge.

In reviewing the action of the last Session, and its bearings, the most important items of which we have here presented, we feel strongly impressed by the evidence it affords of the strength of principle in our Order. We have passed through a threatening crisis, and have once more settled down into the calmness of harmony and peace. The quicksands and shoals, which for a moment endangered our safety, have been surveyed and marked, and the whole Order has risen in its wisdom and strength—resolved to widen its channel, cast out the dangerous impediments, that our friendship laden barque may pass in safety and sunshine, into the broad ocean of universal brotherhood.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS,
SAMUEL LOCKWOOD, Jr.

Grand Representatives.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Standing Committee on Finance

REPORT:

That the Mileage of the New Lodges be fixed as follows:

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| Friendship, No. 67, | - - - - - | \$4.00. |
| Meriden Center, No. 68, | - - - - - | 3.00. |
| Saugatuck, No. 69, | - - - - - | 3.50. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| D. B. POTTER, | } Finance Committee. |
| ALPHONSO BARNES, | |
| C. A. NEWELL, | |

The Committee on Finance made the following report, which was accepted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully recommend a general revision of the Mileage fees paid to the Representatives from Subordinate Lodges by this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, so that it may be uniform.

D. B. POTTER,
ALPHONSO BARNES, } *Committee.*
C. A. NEWELL, } *on Finance*

On motion, *Voted*, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to revise the mileage of Officers and Representatives.

Amendment to Constitution, Article VI, Section 1, offered at the last Session, (printed Journal, pp. 500 and 501,) was, on motion, taken up for consideration.

Moved, that the subject be indefinitely postponed; not carried.

Moved to adopt the amendment.

The Chair decided the motion out of order, inasmuch as the amendment proposed to strike out words, in Article VI, Section 1, which did not exist in that Article and Section.

An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, and after some discussion, the appeal was withdrawn.

Committee on National Washington Monument Association made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The undersigned, appointed by your R. W. Body, to take into consideration the Memorial of the National Washington Monument Association, asking aid for the purpose of constructing the National Monument, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully

REPORT:

That, viewing the object as worthy, and one that should enlist the sympathy, aid, and co-operation of associations, as well as individuals; and in view of the fact that the object is to cherish and reverence the memory of the "Father of his Country," your Committee deem it proper and expedient that this Grand Lodge should contribute from its funds for the aid of so noble an object. They, therefore, recommend the passage of the following Resolution:

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. WILLEY, } *Committee.*
J. W. JOHNSON, }

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge pay from its funds One Hundred Dollars to the accredited Agent of the "National Washington Monument Association;" the same to be paid in four annual installments of twenty-five dollars each.

Moved that it be adopted.

Moved to amend by inserting \$200 in place of \$100; amendment lost.

Moved to lay the resolution on the table until after the report of Committee on Finance on revision of the Mileage had been made; which motion was lost.

The Resolution of the Committee was then adopted and report accepted.

The Committee on new Lodges made the following report which was accepted and Charter granted.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The Committee to whom was referred the application for a new Lodge, to be located at Westport, Fairfield County, respectfully

REPORT:

That the petition, cards, and recommendations for a Lodge to be located at that place are in due form, and recommend that a Charter be granted by this Right Worthy Body, for a Lodge to be called Saugatuck Lodge, No. 69.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

WM. H. STANLEY, }
JOHN K. BRISTOLL, } Committee.
F. M. BROWN, }

Communication from Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, containing alteration of By-Laws and Resolutions; referred to Committee on the State of the Order.

The following amendment to the Constitution was submitted, and under the rule laid on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Connecticut, the full representation from Subordinate Lodges, would propose the following as an amendment to Article *Seventh*, Section *First* of the Constitution, to wit: by erasing from that Section the words "New Haven," and inserting in lieu thereof, the word "Hartford."

New Haven, Jan. 9, 1850.

HIRAM B. CASE, No. 47.
A. W. FOX, " 38.
D. N. C. POND, " 52.
WILSON DEWEY, " 23.

P. G. G. D. Hyde of No. 19, tendered to the Grand Lodge, the charter, books, papers and effects of Mystic Lodge, No 19, and on motion, *Voted*, That the same be accepted, and that cards be granted by the proper Officers of the Grand Lodge to the members of said Lodge who are in good standing.

On motion, the above vote was reconsidered.

The following Resolution was then offered as a substitute.

Resolved, That the Grand Master be authorized to accept the charter and books of Mystic Lodge, No. 19, whenever they are presented in proper form, and he is duly shown that there are not five members who wish to sustain it; and that certificates be furnished by the Grand Secretary to the members to enable them to unite with other Lodges.

Moved to amend by inserting after the word "charter," effects; lost.

The Resolution was then adopted.

The Committee on Grievance made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the petition of Elm Lodge, No. 53, setting forth that said Lodge had paid nineteen dollars for watching with a member of Washington Lodge, No. 16, residing in the jurisdiction of said Elm Lodge, which Washington Lodge had refused to refund,

REPORT :

That they have had the subject under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That Elm Lodge, No. 53, have leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion, the Resolution was adopted.

Further report from Committee on Grievance.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Grievance to whom was referred the matter of the benefits ordered by the Grand Lodge at the last session, to be paid by Thames Lodge, No. 9, to brother Charles G. Avery, have had the same under consideration and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That a new trial be and hereby is granted by the Grand Lodge, in the case between Thames Lodge, No. 9. and brother Charles G. Avery, and that the same be continued to the Annual Session in July next.

On motion, the Resolution was adopted.

Further report of same Committee.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

X The Committee on Grievance to whom was referred the petition of several brethren of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, praying for the repeal of a Resoln-

tion of said Lodge, prohibiting the admission of any person as a member of said Lodge, who deals in or uses intoxicating liquors; have had the petition and resolution under consideration, and respectfully submit the following resolution.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman*.

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, be and hereby is directed to repeal or rescind said resolution.

It was moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the words *Resolved*, and insert—"That the appeal from the decision of Arcanum Lodge be dismissed, and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition."

The Chair decided the motion to amend to be out of order.

A division of the question was called for.

Moved, that the report of the Committee be laid on the table; lost.

Moved, that the Resolution be adopted.

Representative Butts offered the following:

Resolved, To so amend the resolution that the petition of brothers of Arcanum Lodge be dismissed, and petitioners have leave to withdraw.

Objection was made to reception of the Resolution, the Chair having decided a similar Resolution out of order.

The Chair reversed its decision and decided the Resolution to be in order.

After discussion, the question being on the passage of the amendment, it was decided in the negative.

The Resolution, as reported by the Committee, was then adopted.

Reports of Committee on Grievance accepted.

Moved, that the Grand Lodge adjourn to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Moved, to amend by inserting 9 o'clock; amendment lost.

Question being on the original motion it was lost.

Resolution *de* Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, read; and on motion, laid on the table.

The Committee on the State of the Order made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The action of the Grand Lodge on the report of the Committee on Grievance, on the By-Laws of Arcanum Lodge, No. 41, referred to this

Committee, renders it unnecessary for the Committee on the State of the Order to take further action.

L. A. THOMAS, *Chairman*.

Report accepted.

The Committee on Finance made the following report :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :

The Committee on Finance, in accordance with their instructions to revise the Mileage of Officers and Representatives, having attended to their duty, herewith submit the following schedule :

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. POTTER,
ALPHONSO BARNES, } *Committee.*
C. A. NEWELL,

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On motion, *Voted*, That the report be laid on the table.

On motion, the Grand Lodge adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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*Thursday, 8 o'clock, A. M.*

Grand Lodge met pursuant to adjournment and were called to order—the M. W. Grand Master in the Chair.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States, be authorized to procure the Regalia prescribed by that Body for its members, at the expense of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted ;

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Master, with the advice of the Executive Council, be authorized to draw on the R. W. Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, for the amount that may be assessed by the Grand Lodge of the U. S., for the payment of the expenses of the Grand Representatives.

On motion, *Voted*, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay mileage to such Representatives as desire to leave the city in the 10 o'clock train.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish Thompsonville Lodge, No. 45, with two working books, at the price charged by the Grand Lodge of the U. S. upon said Lodge's returning to him the mutilated copies which they now use.

The following report was read and accepted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on the State of the Order respectfully

#### REPORT.

That they have examined the By-Laws of Union Lodge, No. 30, Saugatuck Lodge, No. 63, Morning Star Lodge, No. 65, Friendship Lodge, No. 67, Meriden Centre Lodge, No. 68, and find nothing in them contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

L. A. THOMAS, *Chairman.*

The following amendment to the Constitution was submitted and laid on the table :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The undersigned, members of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, the full representation of two Subordinate Lodges, would propose the following as an amendment to Article third, Section fifteenth of the Constitution, to wit :

By erasing from that Section in the second line thereof, the words " by a majority of the votes given," and inserting in lieu thereof the words " by a majority of Lodges represented,"

Also, by erasing from Article seventh, Section fifth, the words, " provided, however, that no election of Grand Officers shall take place by representation in any case."

Signed,

A. NORTHROP, *Representative from No. 59.*

T. SHELDON, *Representative from No. 2.*

The Committee on Grievance made the following report which was accepted, and resolution adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother Cephas R. Childs, from the decision of Naw Kaw Lodge, No. 51, whereby he was refused ten weeks benefit, which he claims was justly due to him,

#### REPORT :

That they have given the subject a patient investigation, and have heard the testimony of witnesses in behalf of both parties, and examined the documents laid before them. The Committee are unanimously of the opinion that the appeal of Brother Childs should be sustained, and that he is justly entitled to the benefit he claims. We, therefore, recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the subjoined resolution.

By order of the Committee,

E. G. STORER, *Chairman.*

*Resolved*, That Naw Kaw Lodge, No. 51, be and they hereby are directed to pay brother Cephas R. Childs, ten weeks benefit.

The following amendment to the Constitution was read and laid on the table :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut :*

The following resolution, as an amendment to Article seventh, Section first of the Constitution, is respectfully submitted.

*Resolved*, That from and after the Annual Session in July, 1850, the Grand Lodge shall hold but one Session in each year, commencing on the third Wednesday in May, which shall be the Annual Session ; and shall hold special sessions at the call of the Executive Council, during either

of which, it shall adjourn from time to time, until the business of the Session is disposed of. The Sessions of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of \_\_\_\_\_, and shall be opened in the Grand Lodge Degree at all times when engaged in the business of the Order.

All laws contravening the spirit of this Section to be repealed.

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| J. HATFIELD,       | <i>Representative of</i> | No. 2.  |
| WM. HALE,          | "                        | " " 2.  |
| JNO. S. DICKINSON, | "                        | " " 20. |
| JOHN G. HAYDEN,    | "                        | " " 20. |

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to furnish each D. D. Grand Master with an Installation book at the price charged by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the same.

The following resolution was submitted, and on motion, laid on the table :

Whereas, the money paid by this R. W. Body and the Subordinates under its jurisdiction, for Postage, amounts to a large sum annually, and as vigorous efforts are now being put forth to cause a reduction of the rates, as well as to make it uniform, Therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is in favor of the reduction of the rate of Postage as now established by Law, to a uniform rate of two cents on all pre-paid letters.

No further business offering, the Grand Chaplain addressed the throne of grace, and the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

Attest,

A. C. HEITMANN,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

| Name.                   | No. | Where Established.   |             | Dist. | When Instituted.     | Seasons.                 |
|-------------------------|-----|----------------------|-------------|-------|----------------------|--------------------------|
|                         |     | Post Office.         | County.     |       |                      |                          |
| Quilapiac, *            | 1   | New Haven,           | New Haven,  | 1     | September 3d, 1839,  | Every Monday.            |
| Charter Oak, *          | 2   | Hartford,            | Hartford,   | 2     | April 21st, 1840,    | " Tuesday.               |
| Middlesex, *            | 3   | East Haddam Landing, | Middlesex,  | 3     | April 22d, 1840,     | First and Third Mondays. |
| Pennanock,              | 4   | Bridgeport,          | Fairfield,  | 4     | June 11th, 1841,     | Every Tuesday.           |
| Harmony,                | 5   | New Haven,           | New Haven,  | 1     | June 15th, 1841,     | " Tuesday.               |
| Ousatonic,              | 6   | Derby,               | "           | 6     | October 13th, 1841,  | " Monday.                |
| Samaritan,              | 7   | Danbury,             | Fairfield,  | 2     | May 5th, 1842,       | " Wednesday.             |
| Mercantile,             | 8   | Hartford,            | Hartford,   | 9     | June 13th, 1842,     | " Friday.                |
| Thames,                 | 9   | New London,          | New London, | 7     | September 22d, 1842, | " Monday.                |
| Our Brothers,           | 10  | Norwalk,             | Fairfield,  | 8     | October 19th, 1842,  | " Monday.                |
| Uncas,                  | 11  | Norwich City,        | New London, | 9     | March 10th, 1843,    | " Monday.                |
| Central,                | 12  | Middletown,          | Middlesex,  | 10    | June 12th, 1843,     | " Thursday.              |
| Charity,                | 13  | Lower Mystic,        | New London, | 11    | April 11th, 1844,    | " Wednesday.             |
| Wopowage,               | 14  | Milford,             | New Haven,  | 12    | June 19th, 1844,     | " Monday.                |
| Montawese,              | 15  | New Haven,           | "           | 1     | January 8th, 1845,   | " Monday.                |
| Washington,             | 16  | Willimantic,         | Windham,    | 13    | December 26th, 1844, | " Wednesday.             |
| Trumbull,               | 17  | New London,          | New London, | 7     | " 20th, 1844,        | " Wednesday.             |
| Nathan Hale,            | 18  | Tolland,             | Tolland,    | 14    | January 17th, 1845,  | " Wednesday.             |
| Mystic,                 | 19  | Upper Mystic,        | New London, | 11    | February 27th, 1845, | " Wednesday.             |
| Fenwick,                | 20  | Essexborough,        | Middlesex,  | 15    | March 19th, 1845,    | " Thursday.              |
| Noahogun,               | 21  | Waterbury,           | New Haven,  | 16    | July 1st, 1845,      | " Wednesday.             |
| Farmers and Mechanics', | 22  | Warehouse Point,     | Hartford,   | 17    | June 12th, 1845,     | " Thursday.              |
| Acanthus,               | 23  | Granby,              | "           | 18    | August 20th, 1845,   | " Tuesday.               |
| Ripswam,                | 24  | Stamford,            | Fairfield,  | 19    | October 1st, 1845,   | " Wednesday.             |
| Oakland,                | 25  | Oakland,             | Hartford,   | 20    | October 9th, 1845,   | " Monday.                |
| Stonington,             | 26  | Stonington,          | New London, | 11    | December 12th, 1845, | " Tuesday.               |

\* Original Charters from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

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| Oweneco,       | 27 | Greenville,     | New London, | 9  | January 1st, 1846,    | Every Monday. |
| Hancock,       | 28 | Meriden,        | New Haven,  | 21 | March 4th, 1846,      | " Wednesday.  |
| Howard,        | 29 | Bethel,         | Fairfield,  | 6  | March 24th, 1846,     | " Monday.     |
| Union,         | 30 | Winsted,        | Litchfield, | 22 | March 27th, 1846,     | " Friday.     |
| Oliver Branch, | 31 | Redding,        | Fairfield,  | 23 | April —, 1846,        | " Monday.     |
| Nazarene,      | 32 | Stafford,       | Tolland,    |    | May 14th, 1846,       | " Thursday.   |
| Freestone,     | 33 | Portland,       | Middlesex,  |    | July 15th, 1846,      | " Wednesday.  |
| Quinebaug,     | 34 | Danielsonville, | Windham,    |    | September 10th, 1846, | " Thursday.   |
| Columbian,     | 35 | Litchfield,     | Litchfield, |    | December 10th, 1846,  | " Wednesday.  |
| City,          | 36 | New Haven,      | New Haven,  |    | " 24, 1846,           | " Wednesday.  |
| Wooster,       | 37 | New Canaan,     | Fairfield,  |    | February 22d, 1847,   | " Monday.     |
| Tuxis,         | 38 | Tariffville,    | Hartford,   |    | " 22d, 1847,          | " Monday.     |
| Pine Meadow,   | 39 | Windsor Locks,  | "           |    | " —, 1847,            | " Wednesday.  |
| Hyperion,      | 40 | Hartford,       | "           |    | " 3d, 1847,           | " Wednesday.  |
| Arcanum,       | 41 | Bridgeport,     | Fairfield,  |    | " 4th, 1847,          | " Thursday.   |
| Franklin,      | 42 | Plymouth,       | Litchfield, |    | March 1st, 1847,      | " Monday.     |
| Orion,         | 43 | Winsted,        | "           |    | March 17, 1847,       | " Monday.     |
| Bethel Rock,   | 44 | Woodbury,       | "           |    | April 16th, 1847,     | " Wednesday.  |
| Thompsonville, | 45 | Thompsonville,  | Hartford,   |    | May 11th, 1847,       | " Friday.     |
| Pilgrim,       | 46 | Ridgefield,     | Fairfield,  |    | June 11th, 1847,      | " Tuesday.    |
| Lafayette,     | 47 | Bloomfield,     | Hartford,   |    | June 15th, 1847,      | " Friday.     |
| Pequabock,     | 48 | Bristol,        | "           |    |                       | " Tuesday.    |
| Siloam,        | 49 | Vernon,         | Tolland,    |    |                       | " Monday.     |
| Toconuc,       | 50 | Salisbury,      | Litchfield, |    |                       |               |
| New Kaw,       | 51 | Wolcottville,   | "           |    | February 15th, 1848,  | " Wednesday.  |
| Phenix,        | 52 | New Britain,    | Hartford,   |    | February 28th, 1848,  | " Tuesday.    |
| Elm,           | 53 | East Hartford,  | "           |    |                       | " Tuesday.    |
| Protection,    | 54 | East Windsor,   | "           |    |                       |               |
| Marion,        | 55 | Hebron,         | Tolland,    |    | August 2d, 1848,      | " Tuesday.    |
| Unity,         | 56 | Farmington,     | Hartford,   |    | July 28th, 1848,      | " Tuesday.    |
| Bacon,         | 57 | Colchester,     | Litchfield, |    | September 5th, 1848,  | " Saturday.   |
| Southport,     | 58 | Southport,      | Fairfield,  |    | " 21st, 1848,         |               |
| Evergreen,     | 59 | Brookfield,     | "           |    | " 7th, 1848,          |               |
| Vulcan,        | 60 | Falls Village,  | Litchfield, |    |                       |               |

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| <b>Excelsior,</b>   | Litchfield, | October 27th, 1848,  | Every Friday. |
| <b>Menuncatuck,</b> | New Haven,  | January 11th, 1849,  | " Monday.     |
| Naugatuck,          | "           | February 14th, 1849, | "             |
| Eclectic,           | Hartford,   | February 13th, 1849, | Tuesday.      |
| Morning Star,       | Litchfield, | January 29th, 1849,  |               |
| Totatuck,           | Tolland,    | January 30th, 1849,  |               |
| Friendship,         | New Haven,  | July 11th, 1849,     | Friday.       |
| Meriden Centre,     | "           | July 11th, 1849,     | "             |
| Saugatuck,          | Fairfield.  | November 1, 1849.    | Thursday.     |

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| 61 | New Hartford, |
| 62 | Guilford,     |
| 63 | Derby,        |
| 64 | Collinsville, |
| 65 | New Preston,  |
| 66 | Somers,       |
| 67 | Madison,      |
| 68 | Meriden,      |
| 69 | Westport.     |

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS,

APPOINTED SINCE JANUARY SESSION.

| DISTRICTS.           | LODGES.       | D. D. GRAND MASTERS.       |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| New Haven, - - -     | 1, 5, 15, 36, | Elias T. Main.             |
| Hartford, - - -      | 2, 8, 40,     | E. T. Goodrich.            |
| East Haddam, - - -   | 3,            |                            |
| Bridgeport, - - -    | 4, 41,        | Charles M. Booth.          |
| Derby, - - -         | 6, 63,        | H. N. Hawkins.             |
| Danbury, - - -       | 7, 29,        | David B. Booth.            |
| New London, - - -    | 9, 44,        | Simeon A. Gordon.          |
| Norwalk, - - -       | 10,           | Samuel Lynes.              |
| Norwich, - - -       | 11, 27,       |                            |
| Middletown, - - -    | 12,           | <i>R. W. Grand Warden.</i> |
| Stonington, - - -    | 13, 19, 96,   | William Meeker.            |
| Millford, - - -      | 14,           | John K. Bristol.           |
| Windham, - - -       | 16,           | Wm. H. Branch.             |
| Tolland, - - -       | 18,           | Carlos F. Clapp.           |
| Saybrook, - - -      | 20,           | Nathaniel A. Starkey.      |
| Waterbury, - - -     | 21,           | Geo. W. Benedict.          |
| East Windsor, - - -  | 22, 54,       | Rewel Thrall.              |
| Granby, - - -        | 23,           | Wilson Dewey.              |
| Stamford, - - -      | 24,           | Robert H. Lockwood.        |
| Manchester, - - -    | 25,           | Alfred R. Goodrich.        |
| Meriden, - - -       | 28, 68,       | Geo. Redfield.             |
| Winchester, - - -    | 30, 43,       | William S. Wetmore.        |
| Redding, - - -       | 31,           | Henry H. Munroe.           |
| Stafford, - - -      | 32,           | Jasper H. Bolton.          |
| Portland, - - -      | 33,           | Geo. H. Taylor.            |
| Killingly, - - -     | 34,           | Thomas Backus.             |
| Litchfield, - - -    | 35,           | Frederick D. Beeman.       |
| New Canaan, - - -    | 37,           | Henry B. Hoyt.             |
| Simsbury, - - -      | 38,           | Andrew W. Fox.             |
| Windsor, - - -       | 39,           |                            |
| Plymouth, - - -      | 42,           | Samuel T. Salisbury.       |
| Woodbury, - - -      | 44,           | Silas Chapin.              |
| Enfield, - - -       | 45,           | John Hunter.               |
| Ridgefield, - - -    | 46,           | Daniel Lovejoy.            |
| Bloomfield, - - -    | 47,           | Hiram B. Case.             |
| Bristol, - - -       | 48,           | Alphonso Barnes.           |
| Vernon, - - -        | 49,           | Edwin W. McLean.           |
| Salisbury, - - -     | 50,           | John A. McArthur.          |
| Torrington, - - -    | 51,           | A. G. Bradford.            |
| Berlin, - - -        | 52,           | Calvin L. Hubbard.         |
| East Hartford, - - - | 53,           | Ransom Riley.              |
| Hebron, - - -        | 55,           | Lucius J. Hendee.          |
| Farmington, - - -    | 56,           | Phineas B. Goodwin.        |
| Colchester, - - -    | 57,           | A. W. Lord.                |
| Fairfield, - - -     | 58,           | Francis Jelliff.           |
| Brookfield, - - -    | 59,           | Andrew Northrop.           |
| Canaan, - - -        | 60,           | Geo. Watson.               |
| New Hartford, - - -  | 61,           | Benjamin G. Loomis.        |
| Guilford, - - -      | 62,           | James Munroe.              |
| Canton, - - -        | 64,           | Nathan L. Polk.            |
| Washington, - - -    | 65,           | Julius Cables.             |
| Somers, - - -        | 66,           | J. M. Little.              |
| Madison, - - -       | 67,           | Reynold Webb.              |
| Westport, - - -      | 69,           | S. W. Chamberlain.         |



*Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in account with Samuel Bishop, Grand Treasurer,*

| 1849.                   |    |           |                       | Dr.              |
|-------------------------|----|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|
| July 12.                | To | Cash paid | Representatives,      | \$376.75         |
|                         | "  | "         | J. M. Willey,         | 28.37            |
|                         | "  | "         | L. E. Baldwin,        | 10.00            |
|                         | "  | "         | Geo. S. Sanford,      | 4.50             |
|                         | "  | "         | Harmony Lodge,        | 15.00            |
|                         | "  | "         | Wm. H. Stanley,       | 78.30            |
|                         | "  | "         | F. P. Gorham,         | 20.00            |
|                         | "  | "         | F. Croswell,          | 5.00             |
|                         | "  | "         | A. C. Heitmann,       | 159.23           |
|                         | "  | "         | S. L. Ford,           | 5.25             |
| August 2.               | "  | "         | Press, &c.,           | 30.00            |
| Sept. 14.               | "  | "         | G. Rep. Thomas,       | 50.00            |
|                         | "  | "         | Dues for G. L. U. S., | 40.00            |
| Oct. 25.                | "  | "         | T. J. Stafford,       | 2.00             |
| Dec. 7.                 | "  | "         | G. Morse, Tax,        | 2.28             |
| Balance to new Account, |    |           |                       | 624.06           |
|                         |    |           |                       | <b>\$1450.74</b> |

| 1849.    |    |                                       |               | Cr.      |
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| July 12. | By | balance from old Account,             |               | \$211.30 |
| July 21. |    | Cash drawn from Saving's Bank,        |               | 500.00   |
| Nov. 9.  |    | Dividend on Temple Stock,             |               | 20.00    |
|          |    | No. 1,                                |               | 17.25    |
|          |    | No. 2, dues,                          |               | 10.00    |
|          |    | No. 3, dues,                          |               | 5.00     |
|          |    | No. 5, dues, \$10.00, digest, 38 cts. |               | 10.38    |
|          |    | No. 6, dues,                          | cards,        | 50       |
|          |    | No. 7, dues, 7,                       | cards, \$3.87 | 10.87    |
|          |    | No. 8, dues, 3,                       | cards, 2      | 5.00     |
|          |    | No. 9, dues, 5,                       |               | 5.00     |
|          |    | No. 10, dues, 21,                     |               | 21.00    |
|          |    | No. 11, dues,                         | cards,        | 6.25     |
|          |    | No. 12, dues, 7,                      | cards, 3.12   | 10.12    |
|          |    | No. 13, dues,                         |               | 3.00     |
|          |    | No. 14, dues,                         |               | 2.00     |
|          |    | No. 15, dues,                         |               | 11.00    |
|          |    | No. 16, dues, 3,                      | cards, 1      | 4.00     |
|          |    | No. 17, dues,                         |               | 1 00     |
|          |    | No. 18, dues,                         |               | 2.00     |
|          |    | No. 19, dues,                         |               | 1.00     |
|          |    | No. 20, dues,                         |               | 5.00     |
|          |    | No. 21, dues,                         |               | 4.00     |
|          |    | No. 22, dues, 2,                      | cards, 2.25   | 4.25     |
|          |    | No. 23, dues,                         |               | 6 00     |
|          |    | No. 24, dues,                         |               | 1 00     |
|          |    | No. 27, dues,                         |               | 8 00     |
|          |    | No. 28, dues, 15,                     | cards, 3.75   | 18.75    |

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|----------------------|-----------------|---|---|---|---|--------|
| No. 28, dues,        | \$2 books,      | . | . | . | . | \$2.00 |
| No. 29, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 7.00   |
| No. 30, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 7.00   |
| No. 31, dues,        | 2, cards, 1.56  | . | . | . | . | 3.56   |
| No. 33, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 4.38   |
| No. 34, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 26.00  |
| No. 35, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 10.00  |
| No. 36, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 12.00  |
| No. 37, dues,        | 2, cards, 1     | . | . | . | . | 3.00   |
| No. 39, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 3.00   |
| No. 40, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 5.00   |
| No. 41, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 3.00   |
| No. 44, dues,        | 5, cards, 4     | . | . | . | . | 9.00   |
| No. 45, dues,        | 6, cards, 2     | . | . | . | . | 8.00   |
| No. 46, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 4.00   |
| No. 48, dues,        | 13, cards, 3.13 | . | . | . | . | 16.13  |
| No. 49, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 1.00   |
| No. 50, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 6.00   |
| No. 52, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 10.00  |
| No. 53, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 11.00  |
| No. 54, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 6.00   |
| No. 55, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 11.00  |
| No. 56, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 5.00   |
| No. 57, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 6.00   |
| No. 58, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 9.00   |
| No. 59, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 12.00  |
| No. 60, dues,        | 15, cards, 1    | . | . | . | . | 16.00  |
| No. 61, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 34.00  |
| No. 62, dues,        | 41, cards, 3    | . | . | . | . | 44.00  |
| No. 63, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 7.00   |
| No. 64, dues,        | .               | . | . | . | . | 35.00  |
| No. 64, charter,     | .               | . | . | . | . | 30.00  |
| No. 65, charter, 30, | dues, 15        | . | . | . | . | 45.00  |
| No. 66, charter, 30, | dues, 16        | . | . | . | . | 46.00  |
| No. 67, charter,     | .               | . | . | . | . | 30.00  |
| No. 68, charter,     | .               | . | . | . | . | 30.00  |
| No. 69, charter,     | .               | . | . | . | . | 30.00  |

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To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut:

The undersigned, Committee on Finance, do

#### REPORT:

That we have examined the Accounts of the Grand Treasurer, from July 1849, to January 1850, and find a balance of cash on hand, six hundred and twenty-four dollars and six cents; and twenty shares of Temple Stock, which cost three hundred dollars, making in all nine hundred twenty-four dollars and six cents, to be carried to new account.

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| D. B. POTTER,    | } Committee |
| ALPHONSO BARNES, |             |
| C. A. NEWELL,    |             |
|                  | on          |
|                  | Finance.    |

*[Abstract of Semi-Annual Returns made from Subordinate Lodges to the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Connecticut, from July, 1349, to January, 1850, together with the Report of Relief for the same time.]*

| L O D G E S.    | Number. | Initiated. | Admitted by Card. | Reinstated. | Withdrawn. | Suspended. | Expelled. | Deceased. | Whole number. | Receipts of General Fund. | Receipts of Widow and Orphan's Fund. | Whole amount of General Fund. | Whole amount of Widow and Orphan's Fund. | Dues to G. Lodge. | Brothers relieved. | Wid. fam. reliev'd. | Brothers buried. | Amount paid for relief of brothers. | Amount for Wid-owed Families. | Amount paid for educa. of orphans. | Amount paid for burying the dead. | Total amount paid for benefits. |
|-----------------|---------|------------|-------------------|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
|                 |         |            |                   |             |            |            |           |           |               |                           |                                      |                               |                                          |                   |                    |                     |                  |                                     |                               |                                    |                                   |                                 |
| Quinnipiac,     | 1       | 7          | 0                 | 1           | 1          | 0          | 0         | 9         | 422           | \$1244.49                 | \$167.14                             | \$2,436.30                    | \$2,219.05                               | \$                | 7                  | 65                  | 1                | 1070.35                             | 20.00                         | 00.00                              | 270.00                            | \$1,360.35                      |
| Charter Oak,    | 2       | 12         | 2                 | 2           | 2          | 16         | 1         | 1         | 309           | 550.34                    | 113.80                               | 1,711.77                      | 1,644.16                                 | 12                | 1                  | 1                   | 1                | 1000.00                             | 00.00                         | 00.00                              | 00.00                             | 000.00                          |
| Middlesex,      | 3       | 3          | 0                 | 0           | 1          | 0          | 0         | 82        | 122           | 122.08                    | 31.25                                | 292.19                        | 484.52                                   | 3                 | 5                  | 0                   | 0                | 100.00                              | 00.00                         | 00.00                              | 00.00                             | 100.00                          |
| Pequannock,     | 4       | 4          | 1                 | 0           | 1          | 0          | 0         | 2         | 186           | 440.46                    | 00                                   | 519.19                        | 1,352.39                                 | 1                 | 17                 | 2                   | 2                | 279.00                              | 35.00                         | 37.61                              | 60.00                             | 411.61                          |
| Harmony,        | 5       | 10         | 0                 | 5           | 1          | 3          | 20        | 0         | 261           | 1070.75                   | 00                                   | 1,848.48                      | 861.20                                   | 10                | 43                 | 1                   | 3                | 951.00                              | 20.00                         | 00                                 | 60.00                             | 1,031.00                        |
| Ousatonic,      | 6       | 5          | 0                 | 0           | 1          | 3          | 0         | 1         | 152           | 370.30                    | 00                                   | 1,738.87                      | 00                                       | 5                 | 15                 | 0                   | 1                | 255.00                              | 00                            | 00                                 | 30.00                             | 285.00                          |
| Samaritan,      | 7       | 13         | 0                 | 0           | 2          | 1          | 0         | 1         | 138           | 342.43                    | 87.73                                | 517.94                        | 882.98                                   | 12                | 11                 | 2                   | 1                | 75.00                               | 25.00                         | 00                                 | 00                                | 100.00                          |
| Mercantile,     | 8       | 2          | 0                 | 1           | 1          | 3          | 9         | 0         | 158           | 344.20                    | 00                                   | 539.99                        | 915.79                                   | 2                 | 6                  | 1                   | 1                | 58.75                               | 10.00                         | 00                                 | 00                                | 68.75                           |
| Thames,         | 9       | 3          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 14         | 0         | 1         | 231           | 206.98                    | 44.12                                | 94.88                         | 1,839.25                                 | 3                 | 5                  | 2                   | 1                | 94.00                               | 52.40                         | 00                                 | 25.00                             | 171.40                          |
| Our Brothers,   | 10      | 5          | 0                 | 0           | 4          | 0          | 6         | 0         | 220           | 614.91                    | 92.00                                | 1,205.49                      | 1,130.27                                 | 5                 | 28                 | 2                   | 0                | 223.50                              | 33.00                         | 1.03                               | 00                                | 257.53                          |
| Uncas,          | 11      | 0          | 0                 | 0           | 3          | 32         | 0         | 1         | 197           | 301.95                    | 00                                   | 3,235.99                      | 1,264.01                                 | 0                 | 10                 | 0                   | 1                | 135.75                              | 00                            | 00                                 | 25.00                             | 160.75                          |
| Central,        | 12      | 3          | 0                 | 0           | 1          | 3          | 0         | 1         | 205           | 315.12                    | 75.87                                | 470.44                        | 888.84                                   | 2                 | 26                 | 1                   | 0                | 414.00                              | 10.00                         | 00                                 | 30.00                             | 454.00                          |
| Charity,        | 13      | 0          | 0                 | 0           | 1          | 9          | 0         | 0         | 69            | 52.64                     | 3.36                                 | 545.28                        | 37.36                                    | 2                 | 4                  | 1                   | 0                | 4.00                                | 30.00                         | 00                                 | 00                                | 34.00                           |
| Wopowage,       | 14      | 2          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 1         | 69            | 423.98                    | 32.95                                | 422.36                        | 262.48                                   | 2                 | 4                  | 1                   | 1                | 79.75                               | 00                            | 00                                 | 20.00                             | 99.75                           |
| Montawese,      | 15      | 3          | 3                 | 0           | 0          | 3          | 2         | 1         | 68            | 162.59                    | 00                                   | 268.78                        | 00                                       | 3                 | 7                  | 0                   | 1                | 187.00                              | 00                            | 00                                 | 30                                | 217.00                          |
| Washington,     | 16      |            |                   |             |            |            |           |           |               |                           |                                      |                               |                                          |                   |                    |                     |                  |                                     |                               |                                    |                                   |                                 |
| Trumbull,       | 17      | 3          | 0                 | 1           | 0          | 0          | 8         | 0         | 83            | 165.97                    | 26.93                                | 585.71                        | 231.71                                   | 3                 | 0                  | 0                   | 0                | 00                                  | 00                            | 00                                 | 00                                | 00                              |
| Nathan Hale,    | 18      | 1          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 12         | 0         | 0         | 46            | 101.37                    | 17.30                                | 593.82                        | 222.86                                   | 1                 | 4                  | 0                   | 0                | 33.00                               | 00                            | 00                                 | 00                                | 33.00                           |
| Mystic,         | 19      | 0          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 11         | 0         | 0         | 16            | 6.12                      | 00                                   | 56.13                         | 00                                       | 8                 | 3                  | 1                   | 0                | 8.00                                | 00                            | 00                                 | 00                                | 8.00                            |
| Fenwick,        | 20      | 8          | 1                 | 0           | 1          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 71            | 152.79                    | 22.90                                | 35.04                         | 298.16                                   | 5                 | 12                 | 0                   | 0                | 44.00                               | 25.00                         | 00                                 | 00                                | 69.00                           |
| Nosahogan,      | 21      | 5          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 0          | 0         | 0         | 100           | 206.02                    | 37.46                                | 504.24                        | 377.55                                   | 5                 | 12                 | 0                   | 0                | 102.00                              | 00                            | 00                                 | 00                                | 102.00                          |
| Farmers & Mech. | 22      | 1          | 0                 | 0           | 0          | 11         | 12        | 1         | 100           | 279.66                    | 1.62                                 | 1,206.54                      | 340.43                                   | 2                 | 1                  | 5                   | 0                | 71.00                               | 00                            | 00                                 | 67.46                             | 138.46                          |
| Acanthus,       | 23      | 2          | 1                 | 1           | 0          | 2          | 7         | 0         | 39            | 111.52                    | 00                                   | 54.23                         | 92.02                                    | 2                 | 1                  | 1                   | 1                | 2.00                                | 00                            | 00                                 | 15.00                             | 17.00                           |
| Ripowam,        | 24      | 3          | 1                 | 2           | 1          | 3          | 6         | 0         | 116           | 288.50                    | 56.10                                | 203.93                        | 435.15                                   | 3                 | 14                 | 0                   | 1                | 178.00                              | 00                            | 00                                 | 30.00                             | 208.00                          |
| Oakland,        | 25      |            |                   |             |            |            |           |           |               |                           |                                      |                               |                                          |                   |                    |                     |                  |                                     |                               |                                    |                                   |                                 |

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|                 |     |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |      |    |           |          |           |           |     |     |    |    |          |          |    |       |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|----|----|------|----|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----|-----|----|----|----------|----------|----|-------|
| Ezelosior,      | 61  | 8  | 0  | 0  | 0   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 48 | 148.11    | 19.99    | 155.90    | 69.49     | 8   | 4   | 0  | 0  | 48.00    | 00       | 00 | 48.00 |
| Menuncatuck,    | 62  | 8  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 55 | 187.91    | 31.64    | 220.44    | 82.48     | 8   | 3   | 0  | 0  | 21.25    | 00       | 00 | 21.25 |
| Naugatuck,      | 63  | 2  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 31 | 89.23     | 00       | 78.78     | 00        | 0   | 2   | 1  | 0  | 9.00     | 00       | 00 | 9.00  |
| Eclectic,       | 64  | 9  | 1  | 0  | 2   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 49 | 190.95    | 12.75    | 00        | 14.06     | 9   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 17.00    | 00       | 00 | 17.00 |
| Morning Star,   | 65  | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 00 | 00        | 00       | 00        | 00        | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 00       | 00       | 00 | 00    |
| Total,          | 66  | 5  | 1  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 27 | 106.93    | 13.00    | 6.70      | 13.00     | 5   | 2   | 0  | 0  | 16.00    | 00       | 00 | 16.00 |
| Friendship,     | 67  | 31 | 6  | 0  | 0   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 37 | 423.27    | 16.24    | 97.67     | 16.24     | 31  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 00       | 00       | 00 | 00    |
| Meriden Centre, | 68  | 38 | 44 | 0  | 1   | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0    | 82 | 440.58    | 50.54    | 224.23    | 50.34     | 38  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 10.00    | 00       | 00 | 10.00 |
|                 | 401 | 86 | 18 | 17 | 134 | 230 | 06 | 41 | 57.3 | 7  | 15,074.95 | 1,725.61 | 26,452.04 | 19,419.66 | 401 | 426 | 21 | 40 | 6,155.58 | 367      | 15 | 38.64 |
|                 |     |    |    |    |     |     |    |    |      |    |           |          |           |           |     |     |    |    | 973.97   | 7,535.34 |    |       |

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## ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS.

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Page 177, 179, 181, 183, head-line, for *Semi-Annual* read *Annual*.

" 178, 180, 182, 184, head-line, for *Jan.* read *July*.

" 189, line 4 from top, read—and the prayer of the appellant was granted.

" 208, head-line, erroneously printed 206.

" 290, line 14 from bottom,—insert *Art. III.* before "Sec. 2."

" 323, line 9 from top,—insert *Art. III.* before "Sec. 2."

" 334, head-line erroneously printed 434.

" 357, line 12 from bottom, erase the comma after "Munson."

" 401, line 16 from bottom, for 59 read 60.

" 401, line 17 from bottom, for 58 read 57.

" 401, line 18 from bottom, for 57 read 58.

" 402, line 5 and 16 from bottom, for 60 read 59.

" 403, line 24 from bottom, for IV. read III.

" 427, line 3 from top, for "lodge" read Grand Lodge.

" 502, line 7, 8 from top, read "*Qui transtulit sustinet.*"

" 504, line 5 from top, for "monies" read moneya.















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